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ASSESS COSTS FOR DRAINAGE

REPORT IS FILED IN ARKOE DISTRICT.

ORGANIZED SIX YEARS

Total Benefits Are Estimated at $160,319.55 and Total Cost of Work at $112,939.46.

Assessment of benefits and damages relative to the proposed Arkoe drainage district work, which has been pending for six years, has reached a stage where commissioners appointed by the circuit court have filed their report of damages to property and the benefits to be derived by the construction of a drainage ditch.

The report, as made by Hugh H. McClurg, W. E. Hinton and W. B. Gex, commissioners, was filed with the circuit clerk yesterday, fixing the total cost of the proposal at 112,939.46, and total benefits to property as $160,-319.55. The report is ready for the approval or rejection of the court.

Property owners in the district have the right to make exceptions to the report of the commissioners.

The Arkoe drainage district, incorporated with a view of constructing a drainage ditch so that land adjacent to the 102 River would not be subject to the annual overflows of the stream, begins at a point six miles north of Arkoe, at the C. C. Carr farm where the 102 drainage ditch ends. It would extend from there in a southwesterly direction through Arkoe and four miles south of Arkoe, according to the articles of incorporation of the district.

Upon the petition of the corporation to extend the boundaries of the district to include the land in this territory and seeking permission of the court to contract for the excavation of a ditch to take care of excess water flowing into the 102 River, Judge John M. Dawson appointed the commissioners December 11, 1920. They were instructed by the court to assess benefits and damages to all land and other property in the drainage district, accruing by reason of the plan for reclamation in the district, and to appraise the lands necessary for right-of-way, holding basins and drainage works.

With the aid of J. R. Leslie, chief engineer of the Arkoe Drainage district and V. E. Williams of Arkoe, secretary of the board of supervisors of the drainage district, the commissioners made their survey and estimates, which have been filed as follows:

Right-of-way inside district—$3,-421.96.

Right-of-way outside district—$492.50.

Damages—$300.00.

Expenses of organization and administration—$8,000.00.

321,000 cubic yards earth in excavation—$48,150.00.

22,360 cubic yards solid rock in excavation—$39,130.00.

8,435 cubic yards loose rock in excavation—$8,435.00.

Bridge—$5,000.00.

Total cost—$112,939.46.

Total assessment of benefits on all property—$160,319.55.

L. L. Perrin Enters Employ of Railroad

Son of Mrs. A. R. Perrin Joins Northern Pacific.—Another Son, Charles Perrin, Sails Tomorrow.

L. L. Perrin of St. Paul, son of Mrs. A. R. Perrin of this city, has accepted a position with the Northern Pacific Railroad as advertising assistant to the general passenger agent. Mr. Perrin will assume his new position on December 16 and will continue to make his home in St. Paul.

Mr. Perrin has been a newspaper man for a number of years, his last position being with the editorial department of the St. Paul News.

Mrs. Perrin's other son, Charles C. Perrin, of Paris, France, who has been visiting his mother, and also his sister, Mrs. D. R. MacLeod, of Tyrone, Okla., will sail tomorrow for his home. Mr. Perrin is connected with an American firm in Paris.

Meets Death in Car Accident.

Mrs. N. F. Hopper received word early this morning of the death of her brother of Cherryvale, Kan., yesterday at Tulsa, Okla., who was killed in an automobile accident. Mrs. Hopper left this morning for Cherryvale where the body will be taken for burial.

Water Bond Issues Reduced to $71,000

$6,000 Payment Cuts First To $36,000, While Second Is $35,000 With $2,500 To Be Paid Soon.

The city council has yet to pay $71,-000 on two water bond issues which were voted in December, 1912, and February, 1920, it was revealed today at the city hall when Mayor W. O. Garrett said that a check for $6,000 was already in the mail for the yearly payment on the principal of the first water bonds. The original amount of the first issue was $100,000 and the second was $50,000.

The principals remaining on the two bonds are $36,000 on the first and $35,-000 on the second. Interest this year on the first bond, which is due tomorrow, is $997.50.

Mr. Garrett said that $2,500 will be paid on the principal of the second water bond, due February 1, 1927, and interest will amount to $1,500. The council already has the money on hand to make these payments in February, the mayor added.

ANNUAL WILL BE CONTINUED

M. H. S. STUDENTS RALLY TO SUPPORT OF YEARBOOK.

NOREEN WHITE QUEEN

Senior Candidate Wins by Narrow Margin Over Geraldine Hunt. Junior Class Queen.

There will be a 1927 edition of the "Maryvillian," annual publication of the senior class of the Maryville High School.

The clouds that hovered over the publication last Friday and threatened its existence passed yesterday afternoon when enough sales had been made to assure the annual staff and the sponsors that there was enough interest abroad in the school to justify its continuance.

The number of year books sold will remain unannounced and no tabulation of the figures on the queen election will be made for publication.

All along the classes made close fights and only a few more books sold on the part of the juniors would have meant a victory over the seniors, it was said.

Noreen White, queen of the senior class, was chosen as queen of the Maryvillian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. White, living at 134 South Mulberry street. Geraldine Hunt, junior class queen, won second honor. Miss White will receive a full page in the annual and Miss Hunt one-half page.

The other two queens, Esther McMurry, sophomore class queen, and Genevieve Miller, freshmen class queen will each be entitled to one-fourth of a page.

Now that the annual sale is over and doubts as to the existence of the book have subsided, the staff will be occupied in assembling material. Pictures of the classes have all been mounted and will be sent to the engravers.

T. A. Cummins Chosen Judge of Gentry Bar

Maryville Attorney To Preside Over Circuit Court at Albany in Absence of Judge Dawson.

T. A. Cummins of Maryville was elected as special judge of circuit court at Albany by the members of the bar of that county to preside in the absence of Judge John M. Dawson who is at Rochester, Minn. Judge Cummins went to Albany yesterday morning and was on the bench during the day. He returned home last evening and will return to Albany tomorrow morning to preside. Jury cases there were continued until next Monday.

Vacancy on Board of Optometry Is Filled

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 14.—Governor Baker Monday appointed Louis Megede, Democrat, a jeweler of Richmond, as a member of the state board of optometry to finish the unexpired term of Dr. A. S. Hatch, deceased, of Jefferson City. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the state senate.

H. L. Raines of Maryville is a member of this board.

44 BORN HERE IN NOVEMBER

DEATHS IN COUNTY REACHED 33 LAST MONTH.

14 GONE FROM POLK

Cancer And Pneumonia Each Take Three From This Township; Tuberculosis Is Cause Of Two.

Nodaway County had 44 births and 33 deaths during November. The deaths in Polk Township were caused by the following diseases: Cancer, 3; pneumonia, 3; tuberculosis, 2; premature births, 2; gunshot wound, 1; dialation of the heart, 1; senility, 1; automobile accident, 1.

The births and deaths were:

Births.

Vaughneille Goforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Goforth.

Charles Claude Zirkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Zirkle.

William Kenneth McGinnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McGinnis.

Billie Max Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cole.

Rebecca Elane Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson.

James K. Dobbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Dobbins.

Clarence Hullinger, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hullinger.

Raymond Floyd Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. R. Watkins.

Weldon Lee Nickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nickerson.

Anna Rose Dew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dew.

Lowell Dean Holbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Holbrook.

Mary Ellen Clymens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clymens.

Thomas Robert Martindale, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martindale.

James Clyde Morrisey, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Morrisey.

Alex Lee Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith.

Samuel Frederick Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Burns.

Huston Frank Honaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Honaker.

Hubert Joseph Seipel, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seipel.

John Merlin Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Pratt.

Ervin Dean Giffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Giffin.

Willa Dee Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Anderson.

Donald Hizer Berst, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Berst.

Jack Lee Roelofson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roelofson, jr.

Orr La Mar Kinman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Kinman.

Hazel Dale Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kennedy.

Harley Guy Cassel, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cassel.

Charles Robert Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wright.

Mary Alice Whitehead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Whitehead.

Donald Frederick Stiens, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Stiens.

Unnamed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards.

Unnamed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Still.

Catherine A. Hukins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Hukins.

Marilyn Partridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Partridge.

Helen Ruth Swaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Swaney.

Lavonne Rose Wiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wiley.

Dwight Verne Minor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Minor.

Wallace Jay Cutler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cutler.

John William Messbarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Messbarger.

Clara Maxine Lattin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lattin.

Meredith Elaine Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owens.

Lois Berneida Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Holland.

Deaths.

William Francis Conlin, William McGinnis, Robert Wilson Hilsabeck, Gladys Emretta Linebaugh, Martha Jane Clymens, William Marcus Staples, Nancy Ellen Herron, Almena Jane Mcneal, Laura Ann Stockton, Henry Wolf, Joshua Bliss, Charles W. Miller, Peter Behm, Charles A. Neal, Alice Christie Henry, Samuel K. Chappel, Lucy Ellen Carter, Lawrence Nelson Chappel, Frank Barrock, Myrtle V. Blagg, John W. Ritter, unnamed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Edwards, Jesse Wm. Unnamed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Still, Mary Elizabeth Shannon, William Vinzant, Mary Narcissis Sharp, Mary Ellen Colwell, Jane Woodburn, Elizabeth Ann Linville, Stanley James Huston.

Rolla Rees Brings Suit on $1000 Note

Rolla Rees, Burlington Junction, by a suit filed in circuit court today, seeks to recover $1,000 as principal on a note, $200 attorney fees, interest at 8 per cent and costs, from J. A. Griffey.

He alleges that the defendant on May 10, 1926, at Burlington Junction executed a note for $1,000 in favor of R. N. Barber, payable in six months. He claims that he is now the owner of the note and that it is past due. The suit was filed for hearing in the January term.

Santa Claus' Visit to Maryville Now Only Few Days Off

It's this week!

Santa Claus will be in Maryville Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He will make a trip around the business sections of the city and will stop in front of the courthouse, where he will give all his boy and girl friends a treat. He is bringing plenty of candy, enough for all the boys and girls in this North west section of the state.

In a message today, Santa Claus says: "To the Boys and Girls of Northwest Missouri:

"I will be in Maryville Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for a short time only as I have many other places to visit. I have received many letters from the boys and girls of your community.

"I will expect you in Maryville Saturday afternoon. Will have plenty of candy for all of you.

"From the lover of all children,

"Santa Claus."

U. S. VESSELS TO GO CHEAP

SHIPS COSTING MILLIONS MAY SELL FOR FRACTION.

HUGE LOSS ADMITTED

Craft Built For $31,000,000 Worth Less Than Half That Now.—Leviathan Repairs More Than Value.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Possibility of the sale of five government owned ships of the American merchant line, built at a cost of $17,500,000, for $200,000 each, was admitted today by W. J. Teller, member of the Shipping Board at the Senate commerce committee hearing on the proposed sale of the charter of the United States American merchant lines.

Ten ships of the two lines, upon which the government has expended more than $31,000,000, are carried on the board's books at $16,000,000 but would bring much less if sold, Teller said.

Three years ago the government spent $8,200,000 to recondition the Leviathan, which is valued today at $6,867,000, according to Shipping Board figures, he added.

Mercury Sinks to 3 Below for Low Mark

The mercury hit a new low mark this morning for the season's coldest temperature, sinking to a point three degrees below zero, J. R. Brink, weather observer, stated today.

The forecast for this section is a moderation in temperature tonight and tomorrow.

Japanese Emperor at Point of Death

Six Physicians Work Desperately to Prolong Life of Yoshihito.—Prince Regent at Bedside.

Hayama, Japan, Dec. 14.—Yoshihito, Emperor of Japan, was believed at the point of death at the imperial villa here today.

Six physicians were working desperately to prolong his life, administering oxygen and other stimulants. The pneumonic condition of his right lung had become grave.

The Prince Regent cancelled plans to return to Tokio and remained at the Emperor's bedside.

All parents buy a lot of things
For little baby's sake.
But, wise are they who buy the things
That baby cannot break.

COLD SPREADS OVER COUNTRY

NATION FROM ROCKIES EAST HAS SEVEREST WEATHER.

COMES FROM ALASKA

Wave Goes Eastward, Preceded by Storm Warnings.—Eight Deaths in Western U. S. and Canada.

(By United Press)

By tonight most of the United States from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic coast, excepting Central and Southern Florida, was expected by the U. S. weather bureau to be experiencing its severest weather of an unusually cold early winter season.

The cold wave from Alaska had already covered most of the Middle West, and another disturbance of marked intensity central over Ontario was moving toward the Atlantic seaboard, where it was due today. Storm warnings were ordered displayed from Wilmington, N. C., to Eastport, Me.

The storm was expected to bring New York City and the rest of the East its coldest weather of the year, accompanied by winds that would reach gale force north of Sandy Nook, the weather bureau predicted.

Already the cold wave has taken the lives of eight in Western United States and Canada, and icy tracks caused a train collision at Northrup, Minn., with injury to the engineer.

The sudden burst of winter in the East will dispel a fog of unusual density and duration, which caused two train wrecks in New Jersey yesterday, marooned 31 ships in New York harbor, and threw river traffic into confusion. The fog was general in the Eastern half of the country, from North Carolina to Southern New England, and from the Ohio Valley to the Atlantic seaboard.

Emergency Measures Taken.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Emergency measures to combat the first severe weather of the Winter were taken today throughout the Middle West as the thermometer hovered near Zero and freezing winds continued to sweep the region.

The weather bureau promised no relief in its prediction. The northwest winds, according to the forecast, will continue today and the skies will be clear.

In its warning to shippers the weather department was emphatic in its statements that all merchandise destined to pass through the Middle West must be protected from temperatures ranging from zero to twenty degrees below.

The cold wave swept in yesterday on a northwest wind from the region of Alaska. Temperatures dropped as much as 45 degrees in many places and one place, Yankton, S. D., reported that the thermometer dropped 66 degrees in 18 hours.

The cold wave brought to the Central west the first below zero weather of the present winter.

In Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin, drops of 40 to 50 degrees of the thermometer have been registered since yesterday morning.

Relief Trains Needed.

In Minnesota some railroads have been forced to send relief trains to allow passengers to continue journeys through places where snowdrifts have reached a depth of ten feet.

Duluth, Minn., schools were closed yesterday because of the intense cold. Other communities are reported to be considering closing the schools if the wave continues.

Throughout the region police stations opened their doors today to unfortunates, permitting them shelter. In Chicago special police details patrolled the alleys of the city last night, awakening sleeping men who were in danger of freezing while they slept.

At the county agent's headquarters here, 24-hour days have been inaugurated and the work of preparing food, clothing and fuel for the poor is under way.

Westbound airmail planes have been forced to halt at Omaha, Neb.

A slight rise in temperature is expected in the vicinity of Chicago during Wednesday afternoon but, according to the forecast it will take several days for the weather to moderate.

High Points In Survey of State Costs In Missouri

Per capita cost of state government in Missouri in 1900 was $1.32. It was $11.38 in 1925.

The legislature in 1901 authorized the expenditure of $11,051,094 of state funds. In 1925, it appropriated a gross total of $127,392,-330.

State funds are collected from 79 different sources.

During the past 25 years, state legislatures have appropriated a total of $581,799,116.09. The expenditures of the state government during the same time have been $393,545,916.44.

The habit of over-appropriating has resulted in the policy of overspending.

Cost of state government has increased 863 per cent, after deducting bond issues, in 25 years. Including funds from the sale of bonds, the increase has aggregated 1228 per cent. Between 1900 and 1922, wealth in Missouri increased 208 per cent.

In three years longer time costs have increased four times as fast as wealth.

The best prospect for remedying this governmental situation is through adoption of a budget system, reorganizing the state into a few departments and passage of a central purchasing law.

STATE COSTS KEEP GROWING

FROM 31.32 PER CAPITA IN 1900 TO $11.38 IN 1925.

BONDS MAKE IT $15.69

Missouri Expenditures Above Average In Nation, Says Survey.—Budget System Is Urged.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Cost of state government in Missouri has increased from $1.32 per capita in 1900 to $11.38 in 1925, according to a report issued today by the Missouri Association for Economy in Public Expenditures. Figures on which the statement is based are taken from state auditor's reports for the past 25 years. The per capita cost for 1925 excludes expenditures from bonds issued during the year. If funds received from bond issues were included, the per capita cost, based on the United States Census Bureau's estimate of population for the year, would be $15.69.

The report issued by the Missouri Association for Economy quotes "Cost of Government in the United States," issued by the National Industrial Conference Board, to the effect that "the per capita cost of state government in the forty-eight states of the Union in 1924 was $9.59." It points out that, applying these figures to this state, "government in Missouri cost $1.75 per capita more in 1925 than state government as an average throughout the country the preceding year." The report continues to say that "if the same principle is applied to the state auditor's figures, without deducting bond issues, the Missouri per capita is $6.10 greater.

"Reduced to percentages, Missouri's state government costs 18.6 per cent more than the average for state government throughout the country on the basis of the $11.38 per capita, and 63.6 per cent more on the $15.69 per capita basis."

"Action Imperative."

"Percentages such as these," the report asserts, "make it imperative that something be done to check the orgy of rising costs of state government."

The Missouri Association for Economy in Public Expenditures, an organization which was initiated by the Associated Industries of Missouri, of which Harry Scullin of St. Louis is president, is composed of farmers, labor representatives, manufacturers, merchants and professional men of the state. As a means of curtailing the increasing cost of government, the association will present bills to the legislature in January providing for consolidation of many of the 123 agencies of government into nine major departments; provision for an executive budget system with uniform accounting, and for a central purchasing system for all departments and institutions receiving funds from the state.

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M'NARY BILL IS INTRODUCED

NEW FARM MEASURE RETAINS EQUALIZATION FEATURE.

RIVERS FIGHT BEGINS

Senator Willis Leads Attack on Measure Providing Waterways Development in Midwest.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A revised version of the McNary-Haugen farm price stabilization bill was introduced in the Senate today by Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, new chairman of the Senate agriculture committee.

The measure provides a $250,000,000 revolving fund to stabilize prices of wheat, cotton, corn, rice and hogs by exporting surplus crops. It retains the equalization fee provision, criticized by President Coolidge.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Immediate opposition to the rivers and harbors bill flared up in the Senate today when the measure, which plans an epochal development of midwestern waterways, was brought up for consideration under an agreement reached last session.

Willis Leads Fight.

Senator Willis, Republican, Ohio, leading opponent of the measure, objected to the usual practice of dispensing with reading of the measure and forced the clerk to recite all its provisions.

Willis' objection was lodged when Chairman Jones of the commerce committee asked unanimous consent to dispense with the formality of reading the measure.

Willis complained that inasmuch as the chairman declined to make a speech explaining the measure, as is customary, it should be read for the information of the Senate.

Maps were hung from the rear walls of the Senate chamber describing the contemplated development of the Missouri river and the Great Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterway.

To Force Final Vote.

The Rivers and Harbors bill is before the Senate for continuous consideration until its final disposition.

Under a parliamentary agreement, it probably will be adopted before Congress adjourns next week for the Christmas holidays.

The annual bill, a "Pork Barrel" into which Congressmen and Senators attempt to cram their local river and creek dredging program by interchange of support, this year carries the long delayed program for improvement of river traffic facilities of vital importance from the Alleghenies to the Rockies.

Chief interest centers in the Illinois river project for opening a water route from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. A fight against the scheme is being led by Senator Willis and other Lake state senators, who charge diversion of the lake water will lower the level of the Great Lakes and interfere with lake shipping.

Has the Votes, Says Jones.

Compromises designed to mend differences over the provision have been unsuccessful.

Chairman Jones of the Commerce Committee, which reported the bill, declined to make the usual speech opening debate, saying he would permit the opposition to launch the fight.

"I have the votes, I don't have to speak," he said.

The bill carries an oppropriation of $59,419,000 to carry out government developments. As passed by the House it carried $83,558,000, including $50,-000,000 for development of the Missouri river from Kansas City to Sioux City. This was reduced to $12,000,000 by the Senate committee. An effort will be made on the floor to restore the original provision.

Elmo Woman Trips on Linoleum; Injures Knee

Mrs. S. G. Williamson of Elmo, tripped on the edge of the linoleum in her home yesterday afternoon and injured her knee. She has been confined to her bed since the accident.

Weather

Generally fair today and probably Wednesday; continued cold.

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THE ONLY DAILY PAPER IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

SCHOOL TEETH

A taxpayer brought suit recently—in a supposedly enlightened community, too—to stop the school board from paying for denial inspection and care in the public schools. The high light of the suit was the testimony of a school principal, to this effect:

She found an improvement of 99.8 per cent in the mental ability of school children who were taught to take proper care of their teeth. The percentage was arrived at by painstaking observation and checking up of their work, before and after the dental instruction.

Call it 100 per cent improvement. Or call it half that much, if you like. If it will effect only 25 per cent improvement, or only 10 per cent, in the mental keenness and studious accomplishment of the pupils, such work is well worth paying for. Still more valuable, possibly, is the better morale that is likely to go with a clean, well kept outfit of teeth.

A BILLION CHRISTMAS CARDS

Something like a billion cards are expected to change hands in the next two or three weeks. Every kind of card will be in the mail, from the simplest little printed affair at two or three cents to hand-painted or individually designed cards and etchings and copies of famous paintings, selling as high as $50.

Once in a while some one is moved to ask what it's all about. Certainly it helps to make the postman's life harder one month every year. It is also an unpleasant but inescapable fact that a good many recipients of these cards glance at the names of the senders, feel pleased a moment and then throw the cards into the nearest wastebasket.

However, the greeting card industry has become a big one and the popular demand for its product shows no weakening. If it really adds to true Christmas joy and good will, then it is probably worth the $16,000,000 at which it is now estimated.

FEWER HORSES, MORE FOOD

In one typical middle-western state, an agricultural authority says, the farm machinery supplanting horses has released for human use more than 1,000,000 acres of land, thereby enabling the same cultivated acreage to feed 40,000 more people.

Here is an element of the truck and tractor traffic that is usually lost sight of. Horses have been essential to farms in the past, and still have their value there. Yet it is true that a horse working on and for the farm must draw his own living from the farm, and that a mechanical contrivance which does that horse's work without consuming any of the crop produced leaves just so much more food for the human population.

This is one of the factors making food cheaper and enabling farms to feed the nation with fewer farm workers. So far the city consumers have had most of the resulting benefit. Eventually it will come back to the farmer himself.

What Other Editors Say

BRIGHT LIGHTS AND DIMMERS.

Better regulation of motor car head lights would decrease the number of accidents. This fact is evident from the number of accidents attributed to blinding lights from approaching cars. Several eastern states require the dimming of lights when cars approach each other. This practice is followed more or less generally in the East, even where the regulations do not require it. But unless the dimmers are bright enough to define the road, one danger is substituted for another, the danger of insufficient light for too much light. Many cars, where dimming is required, are equipped with bumper lights, which illuminate the road immediately in front of the car, but cast no glare ahead. Such lights, with dimmers, make for safe driving.

Too little attention has been given to motor car lights in Missouri and Kansas. There is little attempt toward standardization. Such regulations as have been defined are not enforced with and regularity of completeness. The driver who chooses to flood the road with glaring lights, regardless of the rights and safety of others, has pretty much his own way about it. He will have until he is taken in hand. He is that kind of a chap, and there are a good many of him.—Kansas City Star.

Willie Willis

By ROBERT QUILLEN

"Pug got licked twice this week—once for tellin' a lie an' once for catchin' his dad in a lie."

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THE LUCKY FARM LAD.

Country boys usually envy city boys and city boys usually think country boys have a hard time of it. Then the country boys move to town and beat the city boys in the game of life. How is this contradiction to be reconciled?

The Saskatchewan Farmer explains it very clearly. The farm boys actually have greater advantages than the city boys. On the whole, the get a superior training, little as they realize that fact. They learn their responsibilities as members of the family and they gain the self-reliance and confidence that come from a mastery of every-day tasks on the farm.

"The reason that the country boy does so well in town, and so often climbs to high positions in business, professional or public life, is not that he has any more brains or native ability than the city chap, but that he has learned from a child to accept responsibility, to regard work as the natural and proper duty of every citizen, with play coming only after the work was done. The careless, irresponsible lives of the majority of city children, handicap them in the battle of life."

This is probably truer today than it ever was before. Wherefore it may be taken for granted that the cities are destined one of the times to have a victorious invasion of country boys on a scale heretofore unknown.

The average country boys seems to be working just about as responsible as ever, with better facilities for learning than he used to have, and the city boy is disposed to take thing easier than ever before.—Houlton (Maine Times).

Life, to a turkey, is just one darn holiday after another.—Mount Washington News.

Many sealskin coats sold this winter were worn by rabbits last winter.—Mount Washington News.

Why does a dentist always fill your mouth with instruments and then start asking questions?—Sikeston Standard.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

Washington—"Bulldog Tom" Walsh, the hero of Teapot Dome, is on the warpath again.

His sudden challenge of the fitness of Arthur R. Gould of Maine to sit in the Senate was so unexpected that some of his Democratic colleagues are wondering if he is merely seeking to settle a question of the Senate's right to expel in such a case, or if he isn't perhaps laying some groundwork for the fight Democrats are expected to make against the seating of William S. Vare of Pennsylvania and Frank L. Smith of Illinois next year.

As he made his speech on behalf of his resolution for a committee investigation of the Gould charges, his desk was piled high with reference books from which he read rather copiously in order to forestall the counter-attack of the Republicans, led by Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania. He argued as a judge might deliver a charge to the jury, citing some precedents favorable to his case and some that were not.

The Montana Senator makes a striking figure as he stands arguing questions of law and precedence. No man in the chamber is better informed on these subjects than he. His immaculate appearance—he wears a frock coat and dark gray trousers—and his bristling white mustache add the impression he seeks to make as he dwells on the "profound importance" of the question at issue.

Walsh himself says that the fate of Gould isn't important—it's the principle of the thing. Can the Senate fire Gould under the circumstances and if not, then what? He has taken pains to point out that even if Gould went out, his Democratic opponent in the recent election would not succeed him.

It is not difficult to believe Walsh when he says that his prime motives are not political.

TAX NOTICE.

I will be at the Arkoe State Bank in Arkoe, Thursday, December 16, 1926, to collect Grant Township taxes.

Frankie Lincoln, Collector.

TAX PAYERS
White Cloud Township
I will be at
Barnard, Monday, Tuesday.
Arkoe, Wednesday.
Nodaway Valley Bank,
Maryville, Friday 17, 24, 31.
Last Call.
J. O. BOLIN
Collector
White Cloud Township.

THAT HAPPY YULETIDE SPIRIT.

WALSH'S ATTACK ON GOULD
?
-AND BE SURE TO BRING ME A BIG LOAD OF BRICKS TO THROW AT THAT ELEPHANT!
CONGRESSIONAL SANTY CLAUS
DEMOCRAT

BARBS

A woman was arrested in New York as a "thrill driver." We wonder what kind of taxicab she drove.

Since the campaign began to have Pullman employes called by their right names, we have been astonished to learn how many of them were christened "Porter."

An anti-insane-diet club has been formed in Hollywood. Great news for the potato belt.

It used to be "join the navy and see the world." Now it's "Play football for Notre Dame and see the world."

Clarence Darrow says he doesn't think there's anything as lovely as a blond unless it's a brunet or a girl with pretty red hair. The legal profession indeed has broadened Mr. Darrow.

A drone bee has 13,800 eyes, an expert tells us. Nearly enough to find a parking place!

Just a word to the lady shopper's male escort—Houdini left several valuable treatises on the seemingly impossible.

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25% Reduction in rate for round-trip tickets to practically every point on the C. B. & Q., and connecting lines throughout the Middle West.

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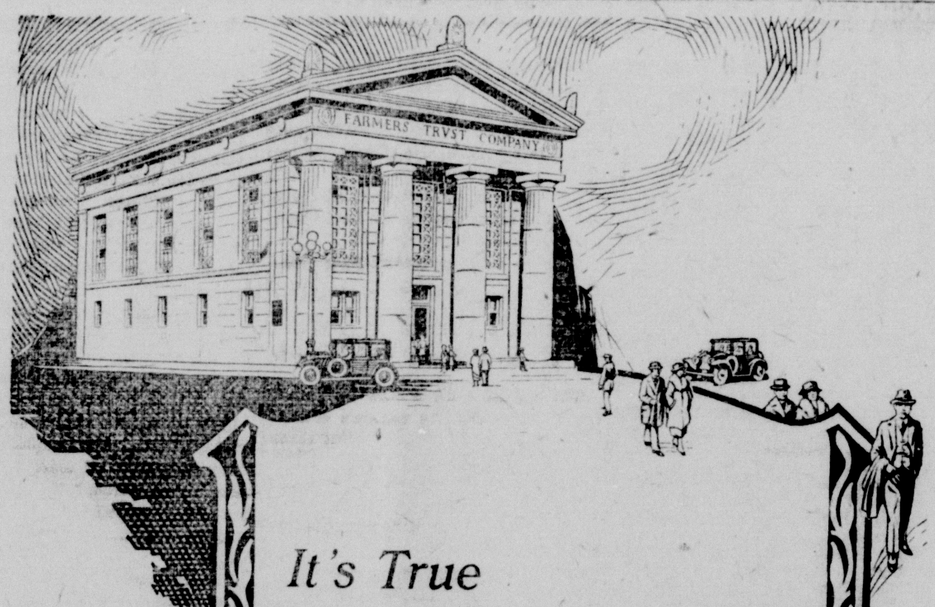

It's True

that practically every one of our 1926 Christmas Clubbers are already back with us. Naturally they would be!

What we want is a few more folks to get in on this good thing. Start now, and save as much as you wish each week, so that NEXT Christmas you'll have all you want without pinching.

FARMERS TRVST COMPANY
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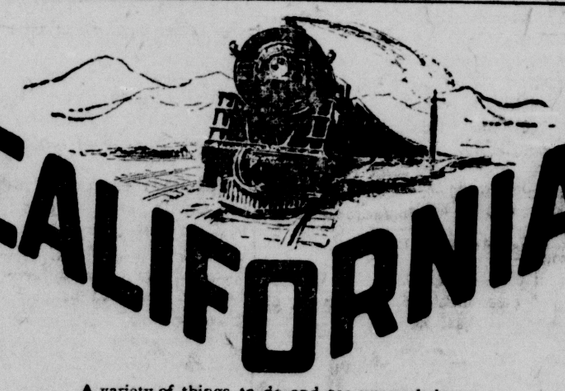

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IN SOCIETY

Club Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Highland Club, to have been held tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Ross Scott, has been postponed until Dec. 29.

Birthday Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cole entertained with a dinner Sunday at their home near Graham in honor of the eighteenth birthday of their son, Harry. The guests included Dale Dorman, Homer Mowry, Curtis Forcade, Oren Davis and Dale Swartz.

T. E. L. Class.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church will meet at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. St. Clair on South Buchanan street. The assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Martin Hartman and Mrs. Edwin Goodspeed. Each member is requested to bring a ten-cent gift for the Chirstmas tree.

Independence Industrial Club.

The Independence Industrial Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Gray. Plans were made for a Christmas exchange at the next meeting with Mrs. Will Kellogg Dec. 29. A program in keeping with the season will also be given. Mrs. Clark Gray and Mrs. Marion Crawford assisted the hostess in serving refreshments of buns, meat balls, pie, pickles and cocoa. The following were present: Mrs. Ida Pollock, Mrs. Marion Crawford, Mrs. John Gray, Mrs. William Kellogg, Mrs. Charles Wallace, Mrs. Clark Gray, Mrs. Gaylord Reynolds, Theda Gray, Delaine Gray, Gaylord Reynolds, Edward Gray and the hostess.

Bedison Club Party.

Mrs. Charles Walton and Mrs. Carl Swearingen entertained members of the Bedison Community Club and their families at the Swearingen home Saturday night. A mock radio program was the entertaining feature, a number of telegrams being received and broadcast during the program. Mrs. Carl Swearingen acted as announcer and others assisting in the program were Mrs. Charles Walton, Mrs. Lee Wynn and Miss Thelma Jenson. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barsballe and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Swearingen and baby daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jenson and daughter, Thelma, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barsballe, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Barsballe, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Swearingen. Refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close of the evening.

Mrs. Bell Hostess.

Mrs. M. E. Bell will be hostess at Thursday afternoon's meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Progressive Club instead of Mrs. Vernon Williams. Christmas suggestions will form the roll call responses.

To Elect Officers.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Seth Ray David Post, V. F. W., will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Veterans Association clubrooms. The annual election of officers will be held.

Surprise Birthday Party.

A surprise party in observance of the seventeenth birthday anniversary of Miss Lucile Bolin was given Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bolin, eight miles south of Maryville, by members of her Sunday School class. The birthday cake held seventeen pink candles. Music and games were the diversion for the evening, after which refreshments of peaches, bananas, cake and popcorn were served. Those present were Ellen McMillen, Leora Schoonover, Susie Rice, Mabel Schoonover, Lucile Bolin, Clarence Rice, Earl Schoonover, Johnnie Rice, John Bolin, Carl Kessler, Cecil Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Bolin.

Elks Dance.

An informal pre-Christmas dance will be given next Tuesday night, Dec. 21 at the Elks Club. The Breen Hotel orchestra of St. Cloud, Minn., will play. The orchestra has been playing at the northern lakes during the summer season and will fill the Maryville engagement en route to Texas. It has been engaged to play nine other dance programs on the trip south. The annual New Year's dance will be held on Friday night, Dec. 31.

Helping Clifford.

Mrs. Stanhope: "Harry runs our car almost day and night."

Mrs. Cassingham: "Oh, I wouldn't think of letting our Clifford run the car. He might get a flat tire and his lungs are so weak I'm afraid he'd never get it blown up again."

Damagin Testimony in Don R. Mellet Case

Courthouse, Canton, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Stark Kascholk, who turned state's evidence against Pat McDermott, a friend of his boyhood, today gave damaging testimony against those accused of plotting the assassination of Don R. Mellet, militant editor.

Kascholk told the jury hearing the murder case against McDermott that he was taken into the conspiracy by his pal. Then he related conversation in which he charged McDermott told him they were to "get an editor" and described a trip to Canton to view the Mellet home, with window shades closely drawn, because, as he said Pat remarked, Mellet "knows he is going to get it."

The witnesses identified Ben Rudner and Louis Mazer, also indicted for the murder.

Allow Immigrants' Wives to Enter U. S.

Senate Votes Families Of Those Who Entered Before 1924, May Come As Non-Quota.

Washington, Dec. 14.—By a margin of two votes, the Senate today voted to permit entry into this country as non quota immigrants 35,000 wives and children of immigrants who entered this country before 1924. The proposal was adopted 39 to 37, southern Democrats generally opposing it.

The vote came on an amendment to a bill permitting entry of wives who lost their citizenship by marriage prior to September 22, 1922. The bill itself then was adopted.

Arrest of Ormiston Up to Chicago Chief

Warrant For McPherson Radio Operator Arrives In Chicago From Los Angeles.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Arrest of Kenneth G. Ormiston, former radio operator at Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Cal., is up to Chief of Police Morgan A. Collins of Chicago and the state's attorney's office will not take a hand in it, Robert E. Crowe told the United Press today.

A warrant asking Ormiston's arrest arrived from Los Angeles shortly afternoon today. Chief Collins said he would confer with State's Attorney Crowe before serving it.

End of Fall-Doheny Trial in Sight Today

Case Probably Will Go To Jury Tomorrow Afternoon; Expect Verdict Quickly.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The end of the Fall-Doheny oil conspiracy trial was in sight today. The sad young men of the jury will get the case, probably, tomorrow afternoon. After 550 hours of confinement, they will be anxious to agree quickly on a verdict.

After Owen J. Roberts, prosecution chief, expounds the government case against former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall and Edward I. Doheny for another hour today, four lawyers of the "million dollar" defense staff will attempt to refute his arguments and draw for the jury a picture of innocence.

Then former Atlee Pomerene will reply for the government and Justice Hoehling will charge the jury and give it the case.

Frank J. Hogan, energetic ace of the defense staff, is expected to start the defense argument. Frederick Kellogg, Wilton J. Lambert and Mark B. Thompson will follow.

Roberts' summation of the scattered bits of testimony given by the more than 100 witnesses is centered about the $100,000 "Little Brown Satchel" loan from Doheny to Fall, the two Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, oil tank contracts, and the Elk Hills, Calif., naval oil reserve leases.

Frequent scarcastic and denunciatory references to the Doheny "patriotism" defense. The big prosecutor attacked major defense witnesses for what he called witnesses, and assailed Fall and Doheny for their alleged conspiracy to defraud the government of oil lands from which Doheny expected to make $100,000,000 profit.

"Patriotism!" oRberts exclaimed, "Bunk! They were after the business."

Doheny's story that Admiral J. K. Robison aroused him to bid on the Hawaiian oil tanks by telling him of a threatened war with Japan in 1921 was scoffed at by the prosecutor, who asserted Doheny and Robison did not tell these alarming stories to the senate oil committee in 1923 and 1924.

Read the Want Ads.

Drums Her Way Through School

Aileen Wright, who is just one inch under five feet tall, drummed her way through Superior (Neb.) high school and now is doing the same thing at Hastings College. She is following in the footsteps of her father, who was a drummer boy in the Civil War and taught her to play the instrument when she was a baby.

SEASON HERE TO PLAN CROP

TOO MUCH CORN RAISED FOR GOOD OF LAND.

LEGUMES ARE NEEDED

Cropping System Should Be Worked Out Three and Four Years In Advance Fleetwood Says.

Now is the time for farmers to start planning their crop systems for next season, J. Ross Fleetwood, county extension agent declares.

"The winter season is a good time for farmers to plan a proper cropping system for their farms" Fleetwood said. "The average farmer thinks in terms of corn first, and the other crops used are commonly those which work into the cropping scheme most readily. The result is that too much corn is grown for the good of the land.

"The time has come in Missouri agriculture when more legume crops are needed if the fertility of the soil is to be maintained. There is no other plan that will answer on the average farm.

"It is true that red clover seed is high and this is tending to prevent many farmers from sowing red clover who once used it. Moreover the soils are somewhat more acid than they once were, and excessive grain cropping has reduced their fertility. All of these things has worked against the success with red clover. As a result many farmers substitute soy beans, and while the soy bean is an excellent crop it cannot be depended upon for building up soil to an extent where the land is rolling enough to wash badly. Nevertheless, on land not subject to washing, soybeans can be used quite successfully.

"Farmers are also much interested in sweet clover and alfalfa. These are very good crops to grow, but in most cases they require lime. They are, therefore, best suited to the man who is willing and able to lime his land. Such a man will get much further in soil building than he will by using soy beans. But the important thing is to get some legume into the cropping system once in every three to five years.

"It will soon be time to buy seed for another year, and the plan for a cropping system should be worked out thoroughly for three or four years in advance for every field, and arrangements made so that the proper amount of leguminous hay may be grown both for its effect on the soil and for its value as a feed. Farmers will get farther during the next 15 or 20 years by curtailing grain acreage somewhat and substituting legumes. This will mean soil improvement and a higher grain yield per acre with a corresponding decrease in the cost per bushel."

Sen. Frazier Back in Republican Fold

Washington, Dec. 14.—The peace pact under which Senator Frazier, independent Republican, North Dakota, will be re-established in the Senate Republican organization today was ratified by the full Republican conference of the Senate without objection.

Frazier was assigned to second place on the Indian Affairs committee, which will make him chairman after March 4.

Read the Want Ads.

This Winter Keep Strong and Vital—Take

SCOTT'S EMULSION

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Burlington Offers Low Holiday Rates

Round Trip Tickets Effective December 21-25, With Return Limit January 6 Announced.

As a special inducement to Christmas travelers the Burlington R. R., announces reduced fares on its lines effective December 21 to 25 with a return limit at midnight January 6.

Round trip tickets for those dates will be sold for fare and a half with a minimum charge of $1.

The tickets are good between any two points on the Burlington system, but no stop-over privileges are allowed.

Cape Girardeau—Gate receipts of the Cape County Fair, held during the latter part of September, amounted to $10,000.

National Leaguers May Use Resin Again

Managers of League Meeting in Annual Convention Says Resin Accelerates Baseball Game.

New York, ec. 14.—National League pitchers will be permitted to use resin in 1927, the National League managers, meeting at the Hotel Waldorf for their annual convention, decided today.

A resolution approving their action last year, when the same ruling was made in the face of a disbarment of a "doctored ball" by the American League, was passed by the assembled managers on the record of John A. Heydler.

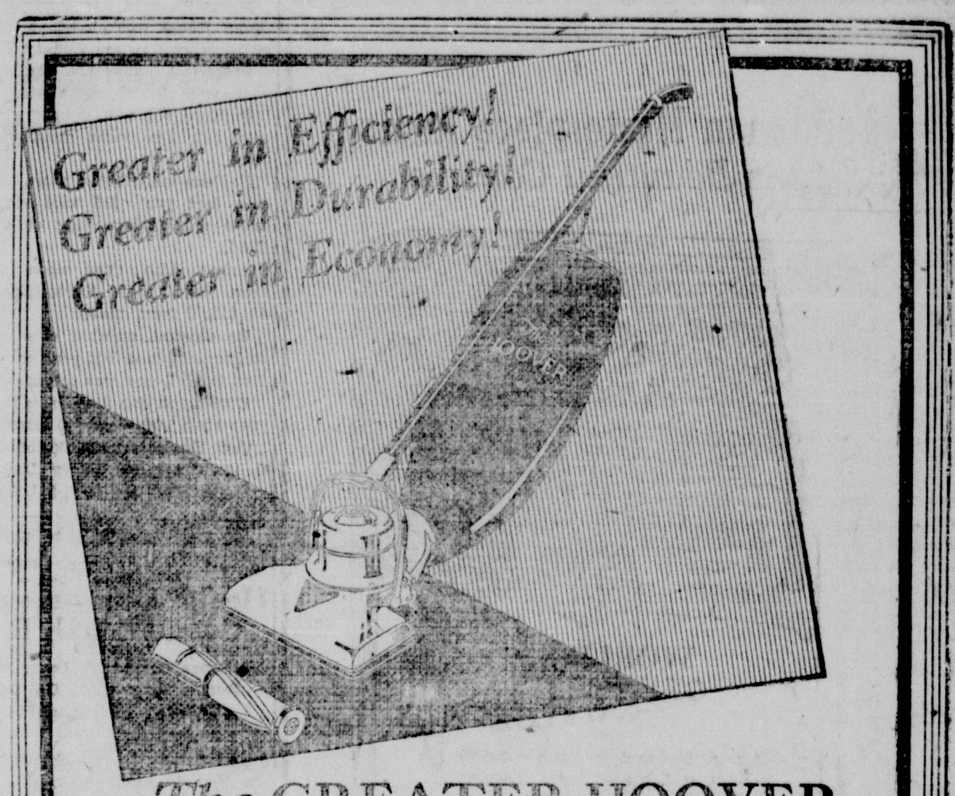
"The use of resin by pitchers is a good thing for the game," Heydler told the managers. "It makes for better pitching and accelerates the game."

Country Club Dinner, Election Tonight

Election of three members to the board of directors of the Maryville Country Club will be held tonight at the clubhouse, H. D. Snyder, secretary of the board, announced today.

The election will follow a dinner to be given at the club at 6:30 p. m. for members only.

BOX AND PIE SUPPER
and Program, Pleasant Hill School, 6 miles west of Maryville, Friday, Dec. 17.
Grace Lancey, Teacher.
Everyone Welcome.



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When will you have a half hour? The best possible place is right in your home, with your rugs as the "proving ground." You will not be obligated in any way. And it will be time very well spent. *Won't you phone us today?*

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What Gift Could Be More Acceptable?

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Satisfy the Boy's or Girl's Ambition to play Some Instrument

Musical Gifts

Maybe it's a saxophone he or she wants—or a set of drums—or a banjo—or something else in musical instruments. They will get untold happiness out of any gift of this nature—and your investment will be well repaid.

CUSHMAN
MUSIC HOUSE
The Latest and Best in Music.

—Or maybe it's a Radio this Christmas for the entire family. We suggest—

ATWATER KENT RADIO

Model 35
with ONE Dial

Read the headlines of the air

Just as you scan your newspaper, selecting what you want to read and passing over the rest—so you sample the broadcast programs and select what you like, with an Atwater Kent ONE Dial Receiving Set.

For swift ease of operation, combined with wonderful tone quality, power, selectivity, beautiful appearance, reliability and sensible price, you can't beat Atwater Kent Radio.

Let us show you.

WHERE THE CHRISTMAS CROWDS ARE COMING

Another Big Group---Womens

Boudoir Slippers

Values as high as $2.00

Felts—Satins—all the wanted and popular slipper styles in the very latest colors. The ideal Christmas Gift, and priced for this sale at only—

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WORLD'S GREATEST RADIO VALUE

Rich in the beauty of its two-toned genuine mahogany, with built-in loud speaker and plenty of room for all equipment so that not a single wire is visible. In genuine mahogany, it is Model 6-F-3, and the price is

$69.50

Phares Hardware Co

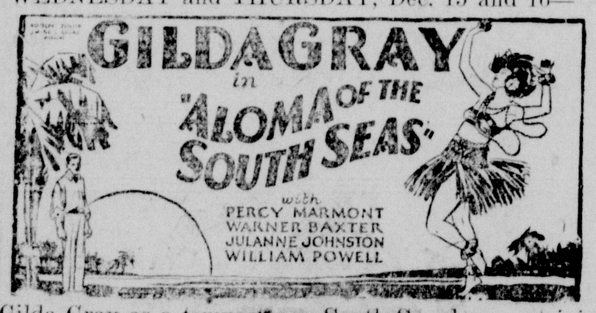
ELECTRIC THEATRE

Matinee at 3:00. Night 7:30 and 9 Adm. 10c and 30c.

LAST TIME TONIGHT—TOM MIX and TONY, the Wonder Horse, in "NO MAN'S GOLD."

A hard riding story that crashes the gates of adventure with a thousand thrills. Also a two reel comedy, "He Done His Best." and INT. NEWS.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Dec. 15 and 16—



Gilda Gray as a tempestuous South Sea dancer striving to fascinate the man she loves, knowing his heart is held lightly by a woman of fashion from another world. Gilda as the heroine of a throbbing romance staged amid white shadows and blue lagoons. Also a two reel comedy—Al St. John in "FIRE AWAY."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th—VIOLA DANA, in "BRED IN OLD KENTUCKY."

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Pipe Organ Expert, Known Here, Dies

Fred D. Pitts of Omaha, who installed the pipe organ at the M. E. Church, South, and at the Missouri Theater, in this city, died suddenly Sunday evening in the First Christian Church of Omaha. Mr. Pitts was stricken as he sat in the choir of the church and died a few minutes afterwards in the office of the assistant pastor of that church. Mr. Pitts' wife is the choir director.

Virginia Curfman Home Thursday.

Miss Virginia Curfman, a student at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo., will come Thursday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curfman. Miss Pauline Jones, also a Lindenwood College student, will return at the same time for a three weeks' vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones.

$1,000 GIVEN TO RED CROSS

MARYVILLE CONTRIBUTES APPROXIMATEY $725 IN ROLL CALL.

MANY REPORTS NOT IN

Burlington Junction, Ravenwood, Arkoe and Bedison Give More This Year Than in 1925.

Nodaway County has subscribed approximately $1,000 to the 1926 annual Red Cross roll call, Miss Betty Truner, executive secretary stated today. Many parts of the county have not yet reported their subscriptions.

Maryville gave approximately $725. Glenn Reese was chairman of Maryville as well as the County.

Pickering, under the chairmanship of Forrest Smith, gave $44.

Guilford, Harry Kissinger, chairman, gave $26. The same amount as last year.

Bedison contributed more this year than last year. $15 was contributed under the chairmanship of Miss Flo Kidd.

Arkoe also gave more this year than last. Fay Corrough reported $13.50 from there.

Ravenwood, another city reporting an increase over last year gave $45.50. Mrs. S. H. Leary was the chairman.

Burlington Junction gave more this year than last also. $45 was reported under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. G. Carpenter and Harry Rutledge.

Father Placidus sent $11 from Conception.

Several towns in the county have not reported.

Health Department Gives Monthly Report

Six Cases Of Scarlet Fever Reported During Period; 130 Out Of 143 Children Examined Found Defective.

The County Health Department under the direction of Dr. C. P. Fryer makes the following report for November:

Educational activities—lectures, 16; attendance 243; bulletins distributed, 393; newspaper articles, 15; circular letters, 400.

Sanitary inspection—private premises, 20; public premises, 12.

Acute communicable disease control—visits to cases 41; cases or carriers isolated, 6.

Tuberculosis control—home vists, 4.

Persons treated for prevention or cure of goiter, 3.

Child hygiene—advice, prenatal, 1; home visits, prenatal, 1; babies and children of preschool age examined, 15; office consultation with mothers, 15; home visits, 3; children examined at school, 143; number found defective 130; number of defects found, 258; home visits, 6; talks to classes or drills in hygiene, 11; exclusions for communicable diseases.

Toilets restored to sanitary type, 15; new sewer connections, 4; new water connections, 2; wells or springs improved, 2.

Seventy-five adults visited the office during the month.

Six cases of scarlet fever were reported during the month.

Dismiss Note Suits Against Strickler

Circuit Court Is Adjourned by Judge Robertson to Convene Again on December 27.

Two suits on notes of $2,000 each instituted in circuit court against James E. Strickler, et al, of near Skidmore, were dismissed today in a short session of the court by the plaintiffs. In one suit George Baugher was the plaintiff and the other Mrs. J. A. Baugher. Both withdrew the notes and action taken to dismiss the suits with costs paid by the defendants.

In the case of the state against the Wilcox Cooperative Association to annul charter, the case was stricken from the docket, as association has been inactive for several months and practically dead.

Yesterday ,the court in the case of Catherine Peve against Ida Shafer, and others, partition, invested title and ownership of the land in accordance with a report of a special commission, and allowed Cook & Cummins $300 as attorney fees.

Judge Jesse F. Robertson of the probate court, who is sitting as special judge on the circuit bench in the absence of Judge John M. Dawson, adjourned court to meet again December 27.

Mrs. C. C. Corwin and daughter, Miss Mae Corwin are expected home today from a two weeks' stay in Excelsior Springs. Mr. Corwin joined them there Sunday morning and will accompany them home.

Unafraid

While J. B. Matthews, assistant U. S. prohibition administrator for the gulf states, was absent for a week on the rum schooner Arsene J., this woman—Mrs. Matthews—refused to worry She says she had a daily vision of him telling her he was safe—so when he finally sent a wire from Vera Cruz, she wasn't at all surprised.

IN CONGRESS TODAY

(By United Press)

Senate

Considers Rivers and Harbors bill.

Sub committee of commerce committee continues inquiry into North Atlantic ship charter proposal.

House

Expects to pass Interior Department Appropriation Bill.

Appropriations Committee considers Independent Offices Bill, State and Justice Bill and Commerce and Labor Bill.

Naval Committee considers strength of the Navy.

This and That

Homer Croy in a letter to the editor of The Democrat-Forum concludes by saying:

"All is quiet; a little more hair has slipped and that is all that has happened since I saw you."

Liberty, Mo., Dec. 14.—In Missouri City is a group of women who meet regularly to play "forty-two". They give no prizes and anyone expressing a desire to play the game is invited to attend. This group announces through the Liberty Tribune all gossiping is barred and no form of gossip will be indulged in.—Kansas City Star.

What a bore it must be.

"Sometimes I think,"—started a certain young woman in the Democrat-Forum office today.

"Not very often," interrupted one of those clever chaps.

Graham Boy Fails in Attempted Jail Break

Lloyd Kent, Held At Bedford, Ia., Near Freedom When Noise Brings Sheriff.

According to a dispatch from Bedford, Ia., Lloyd Kent of Graham made an attempt to break jail at that city on Sunday morning. The dispatch says:

When Sheriff W. J. Nevius investigated a strange noise in the jail early Sunday morning he found that Lloyd Kent, 19 years old, held on an auto theft charge, had loosened a steel beam from the cell and had broken one bar of a window, and had another loosened.

Kent, who is from Graham, Mo., escaped from the state reformatory at Eldora some time ago. When workmen started today to replace the beam which he had loosened they also found a steel caseknife, fashioned into a rude saw.

Kent was arrested here a few weeks ago on a charge of forgery, having been with Lloyd Davis, also of Graham, who was given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary when he pleaded guilty to forgery. Kent was turned over to the Iowa authorities, as they had a warrant for him on a charge of stealing a car.

AUNT HET

"There's a silver lining to almost ever'thing except twins."

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Two Masonic Bodies Elect New Officers

Howard Strong Heads Commandery and L. L. St. Clair Is High Priest of Chapter.

Howard Strong is the newly elected eminent commander of Maryville Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar and L. L. St. Clair the high priest of Owens chapter of Royal Arch Masons No. 96. Both were named last night at the annual election of officers of these two Masonic bodies.

W. N. Deatherage is the retiring eminent commander of the Commandery and W. W. Stanfield the retiring high priest of the Chapter. Installation of the new officers of these organizations will be the first meeting night in January of each body.

The other officers of the Commandery elected last night:

Generalissimo—U. S. Wright.
Captain General—Walter S. Todd.
Senior Warden—H. L. Stinson.
Junior Warden—F. C. Wallis.
Prelate—W. W. Stiwalt.
Treasurer—W. N. Deatherage.
Recorder—E. F. Hamlin.

R. H. Duncan has been appointed sentinel for the ensuing year, the eminent commander said today. The other officers to be named by him are standard bearer and sword bearer, who will probably be appointed at the next meeting.

The other officers of the Royal Arch Masons, besides the high priest, are:

King—Walter S. Todd.
Scribe—I. E. Tulloch.
Captain of Host—A. J. Cauffield.
Principal Sojourner—M. A. Lewis, jr.
Treasurer—W. N. Deatherage.
Secretary—E. F. Hamlin.

Religion, Books, Music in Society Programs

The Victorian Literary Society of the Maryville High School, at its meeting this morning, turned from music and literature and gave forty minutes to devotions and the study of religion.

The order of program follows:

Scripture, Dorothy DeNeen; short prayers, Mildred Jensen and Miss Augusta Quell; talk, "How Our Lives Can Be Patterned After Christ," Margaret Smith; talk, "Religion and What It Should Mean To Us," Eleanor Stanfield; reading, Miss Augusta Quell; talk, "Reading in the School and Home," Isabella Dewar; the 23rd Psalm, Iola Hull; benediction, Ola Slagle.

The Elizabethean Literary Society also met this morning. The program follows:

Piano solo, by Genevieve Miller; vocal solo, by Ruth Miller; trio, Maude Qualls, Lela Maul and Wilheminia Hansen; group singing of Christmas songs.

Five outstanding books were reviewed by Emily Martin before the Zeta Sigma Literary Society. The books were: Early Autumn," written by Louis Bromfield; "Her Son's Wife," by Dorothy Canfield; "Mantrap," by Sinclair Lewis; "My Mortal Enemy," by Willa Cather; "Summer Storm," by Frank Swinerton.

A review of "Wild Geese," by Zela Colwell.

Slides depicting scenes in China, Japan, Switzerland and other countries were shown at the History Club meeting. The slides and incidents connected with the pictures were explained by some of the club members.

Oil Companies Meet Demands of Mexico

Both British and American Concerns Take Definite Steps Toward Compliance.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—The majority of American oil companies operating in Mexico, the United Press was informed today, have taken definite steps toward compliance with the new oil law against which the United States state department has protested to the Mexican Government.

Despite this action of the companies it was believed the department would maintain its objections against the allegedly confiscatory character of the law.

Most of the British companies have indicated their intention of complying with the law. The companies possess titles and leases to vast concessions in Mexico. The Mexican government demands that the companies agree to conversion of these leases and titles into concessions which would be good for fifty years. It was unconfirmedly reported that there was a possibility that these concessions might be extended for another thirty years, making eighty years in all in which the foreign countries would be able to exploit the mineral wealth beneath the surface.

His Honor's Round.

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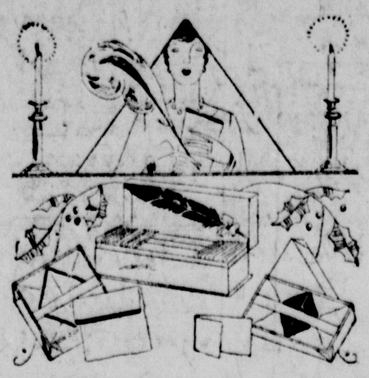

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Campus Rebels

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by Virginia Seelig

JUDITH MARTIN, red-haired rebel among faculty members of Pendleton University, is hated by DEAN TIMOTHY BROWN of the discipline committee.

ERIC WATERS, senior, and DR. PETER DORN, of the astronomy department, are rivals for Judith's favor.

MYRA ALDRICH, Eric's boyhood sweetheart, is jealous of Judith.

Judith stumbles on a secret love affair of Dean Brown's wife, and befriends her. When "KITTY" SHEA, town bootlegger, tries to blackmail Mrs. Brown, Judith appeals to Eric for protection.

When Shea's body is found under his car in a creek, and a letter addressed to Eric is discovered in his pocket, Eric is arrested as a material witness.

Professor Dorn offers his consolation to Judith, but they quarrel over her friendship for Eric.

Dean Brown posts placards of the mammoth religious rally to be held by EVANGELIST FORREST POOLE.

Several days after Eric's arrest, Judith goes home, to find him sitting on the front steps, whittling.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Eric placed the absurd whistle at his mouth and blew a blast. Judith sat down weakly beside hi m on the step.

He rose, pulling her to her feet. "Flivver's down the street a little way. Let's go for a ride. Parked it down there to avoid drawing crowds to your front door. Every body knows my car."

Judith went down the sidewalk with him and climbed into the little car. Eric drove through the town, past the campus and out into the Granville road at law-breaking speed. When they were well into open country, he slowed down to a steady pace, and slouched in his seat, with one arm on the wheel.

"Now," he said, "tell me what you know about all this."

Judith stared at him. "I don't know anything. I don't even know what you're talking about."

Eric studied her face, only glancing away now and then to the road. They passed no vehicles.

"Then," he said, "if you can't explain it, I've lost my grip on sanity. The universe has turned into a madhouse."

Judith put her hand on his arm. "Just tell me what happened, as quickly as you can," she said. "I've waited long enough."

"Only this," he answered. "Mrs. Brown has ruined herself for life, in the eyes of at least two persons—in order to get me out of jail. She must be mad."

"What did she do?" asked Judith, leaning forward.

"She came to the chief of police and the county attorney and told them the most prodigious lies. How anybody in the world could have believed them is beyond me.

"But they evidently did, for they released me on the strength of her story. And told the dean where to head in, too, without giving him any explanation. The old boy is raging. He had tasted blood, and he would have been satisfied with no less than the electric chair for me."

"Please start at the beginning," said Judith, "and tell the whole story."

"Very well," Eric answered. "This is what happened. You asked me where I had been on the day the murder was discovered. I had gone out after dark to scour the scene of the tragedy, to make sure that none of Shea's letters were left in the wreckage."

"But why?" interjected Judith. "What was in the letters?"

"I don't know," said Eric, "but, knowing Shea, I thought there might be evidence in them against me—as a whiskey buyer, or against the dean's wife or against you."

"I went out after dark with a flashlight and looked the wreck over. Of course the letters weren't there. When I got back to town, the news was all over the campus that his letters had been found in his pocket and were being deciphered."

Judith touched his arm. "But why did they arrest you? What had you written him?"

Eric laughed. "I hadn't written him. As it turned out, however, he had written me, and not mailed the letter.

"In it, he warned me to keep out of his affairs or I'd regret it. That suggested to the sheriff that I might have a motive for bumping him off."

Judith's eyes were on the place where the bruise had been, over his left eye. Its last traces were just disappearing. She had dropped her eyes and said nothing.

They turned into a winding little road, with old-fashioned rail fences on either side. "I wasn't much worried," continued Eric, "though I hated the scandal. For, at any rate, they couldn't hang anything on me. They hadn't any evidence."

Judith frowned. "Hang anything on you? What a queer way to speak. Of course they couldn't hang anything. There wasn't anything to hang."

Eric shrugged, and went on with his story. Judith's glance at him was vaguely dissatisfied. "I knew old Brown would get me if there was any way to do it," he said. "And I wired Dad to engage a lawyer for me. He's probably done it by this time, if he didn't die of heart failure when he got my wire."

"It seems to me," said Judith "that you are a little unfeeling toward your people. This isn't a very savory mess, for them."

Eric's face hardened. "Nor for me," he said. "But it's their own fault, for sending me down to this backwoods little joint. Back east, this could never have happened. There, nobody would have meddled with me."

"That's a selfish view, Eric," said Judith, "but go on."

"I was amusing myself in their dirty little jail today, watching the roaches eat the bread and beans the jailer had brought for me, when the jailer came in, chewing tobacco, and grinning."

"Go on," urged Judith.

"'Come along, buddy,' he said to me. 'The chief wants to see you.' I found the chief sitting at his desk, very solemn and uncomfortable.

"The chief waited for the jailer to go away, which he did, with many backward, curious glances and much spitting of tobacco. Then the chief said to me, 'We're going to turn you loose, Waters. Your alibi has been supplied.'

"I looked at him in astonishment. I hadn't known they had gone so far as to look for an alibi for me. 'But before you go,' the chief continued, 'I want a little talk with you.'

"Of course I answered, amiably, all the time wondering who the deuce could have come to my rescue. 'Look here, young fellow,' said the chief, shaking a fat finger at me, 'let me give you some good advice. It's time for you to straighten up, and not go getting into any more disgraceful scrapes 'round this town. My advice to you from now on it to lay off the wine and women, and stick to song.'

"'Please elucidate, chief,' I said. 'As for wine, I plead guilty to the soft impeachment. But women—?' And there I made a Joseph resisting Potiphar's-wife gesture.

"But the old boor just laughed, throwing his head far back and shaking all over.

"'Cut out the bluffing, Waters,' he admonished me. 'I know the whole story, and your play-acting won't go down with he. What we're interested in now is your future behavior. The county attorney thinks it's safe to trust you, but I have my doubts. I told him I'd seen young devils of your sort before, many and many a time.'

"'Surely not, sir,' I interrupted him. 'I cannot be so common a species as that.'

"The chief was raising the frankfurter finger to shake it at me again, when the door opened and the tobacco-leaking jailer appeared.

"He slouched across to the chief's desk and laid a white envelope on it. Then with one mighty shot at the spittoon, he turned and smiled insolently at me and slouched out again."

"For heaven's sake, hurry," cried Judith. "I believe you are dragging this out on purpose, for the sake of dramatic effect. The jailer's tobacco means nothing to the story."

Eric dissented. "It means atmosphere, and atmosphere, in any drama, means everything. Only I wish this hadn't been garlic-flavored atmosphere"

He smiled at Judith's despairing face and took up the narrative again. "The chief didn't open the envelope, but just glanced at it a moment and turned back to me.

"'Young man,' he said, 'from now on, we're going to have our eye on you. And the next time you get mixed up in anything like this, the district attorney will see to it that you leave town.'

"I answered, calmly, that the next bootlegger in Pendleton probably wouldn't be so careless as to get himself killed.

"The chief sat up and roared at me. 'I'm not talking about the bootlegger, now, young man. I'm talking about the lady. It's a damn shame she didn't let you go on trial for this murder, just as a lesson.'

"By this time I was not feeling flippant. I stared at him. 'I don't understand a word of this,' I told him.

"The chief sneered. 'Well, whether you do or not, it'll pay you from now on to mind your b usiness and let respectable married women alone.'"

(To Be Continued).

Shea's death is as much a mystery as ever and when Judith goes to see Mrs. Brown that lady pretends she is not home.

Read the Want Ads.

Opera Star

Stuart Gracey, of Geneva, N. Y., won a scholarship at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., and went abroad to continue his study. He has just finished a short visit home, with the triumph of a debut in grand opera at Naples to tell the folks about.

State Costs Keep Growing

(Continued from Page 1).

The association's report on the state's fiscal affairs reviews the growth of costs, and declares that the best means of checking it is through a budget system. It discusses the tendency of the legislature to appropriate far more than the state can raise. It shows that general assemblies since 1901 have authorized a gross total of $581,799,116.09, and that the expenditures for the same years have been $393,545,916.44. "Legislatures have appropriated $188,000,000 more than actually has been spent," the report declares.

As a result of this condition, the report asserts that "the habit of over-appropriating has resulted in a practice of over-spending. It has been unwise, in the logic of the average officeholder, to have a large balance from an appropriation. Officials, subject to political influences, fear the legislature will be inclined to reduce expenditures if too large a balance is shown. So the average officeholder has kept a step or two ahead of the legislature by demanding larger appropriations every two years. Seeing the greater demand for funds, and pressed on every side for passage of additional laws creating functions, the legislautre in turn has created new taxes, authorized additional fees and established many new licenses."

$4,116,348 to $54,665,983.

Tables, showing the annual expenditures for the past 25 years, are included in the report. In 1900, the total disbursements, as given by the state auditor, were $4,116,348.79. In 1926, they were $54,665,983.12 including bonds, but if the bond issues of that year are deducted the disbursements aggregate $39,665,983.12. Under the former, where bond funds are included, cost of government has increased 1228 per cent in the 25 years, but even in the more conservative comparison the increase was 863.62 per cent. In 1900, the report sets out, the Census Bureau placed the wealth of Missouri at $3,244,000,000, and at $9,982,000,000 in 1922, the last year in which estimates are available. "That is an increase of 208 per cent. In a three-year longer period, the cost of state government has increased more than four times as fast as wealth."

State funds are collected from 79 different sources. The state treasurer is quoted as collecting $52,196,494.20 from all sources in 1925. Of this amount only $2,317,176.62 was collected through the personal property tax. The remainder of more than $50,000,000, aside from the amount received from the sale of bonds during the year, was collected from all classes of citizens through the other 78 taxes, fees and licenses.

"During the past 25 years the thirteen legislatures have passed deficiency that, however, is included relief appropriations aggregating $14,596,779.58," the report continues. "In appropriations, reappropriations, etc. During the past 14 years the re-appropriations have aggregated $2,763,118.80. Assuming that reappropriations during the past 25 years have approximated $5,000,000, there still has been a total deficiency of approximately $10,000,000, which largely can be charged to waste. That is only one avenue of waste in the state government. In many instances, deficiencies are the result of a feeling irresponsibility on the part of officials. Frequently, they have been created because officials were too neglectful to trim down expenses to conform with appropriations. Often deficiencies are encouraged by officials and contractors, the latter benefiting from work performed.

"Waste and Extravagance."

"The imperative need of a remedy is stressed by a study of the state's financial condition. Waste and extravagance is apparent in too many services. Lack of governmental supervision prevails throughout the state government. Nobody knows the cost of government. Nobody knows the number of men on the state payroll. No one knows either the actual receipts of the governmental structure, nor governmental costs. Apparently millions of dollars are collected and spent annually without passing through either the office of the auditor or the treasurer. It is true that most of these funds are collected and spent by the institutions and departments, and an accounting made in a report submitted to the legislature, but the reports are seldom seen or read. No intimation has been made that these funds have been mis-spent, but financial responsibility in government can not be fixed until all funds collected and spent by state agencies shall pass through the hands of proper fiscal officials of the state. Some boards are empowered under the law to collect fees for services, and authorized to spend the fees without accounting for them, except to report balances at the end of the year."

Twenty-nine states have adopted the executive budget, which is the plan recommended by the executive committee of the Missouri Association for Economy for adoption in this state. Several of these states adopted this plan of budget after trying out some other system. Twelve have the commission system, five have the commission ex officio and only one has a legislative budget. Under the budget system, there is definite knowledge of receipts, and one of the duties of the budget officer shall be to see that appropriations remain within the amount alotted for each spending agency.

A Tree That Is a Tree!

"Sequoia gigantea" is the botanist's name, but to Californians it's the "General Grant tree"—a tree that would top the national capitol by a comfortable margin, as the pictured comparison shows. Under its branches, California will hold a unique Christmas celebration, with David Starr Jordan as the principal speaker. A message from President Coolidge will be read. The "General Grant tree" is 264 feet high and 106 feet in circumference at the base. It was growing long before Christ was born.

Baby Buggies Make a Traffic Problem in Old Swiss City

Basle, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—While most of the civilized world is struggling with the problem of automobile traffic, Basle has the unique distinction of being probably the only city where the most serious traffic question is that of baby carriages.

The steady stream of baby carriages on the streets has become so great as to interfere seriously with the ordinary foot, automobile and vehicle traffic.

The principal complaint, however, against the ever-increasing string of perambulators on every street came from the pedestrians who are forced to keep off the sidewalks and walk in the middle of the street.

Facing this dilemma, the police hit upon the idea of resurrecting a law enacted in 1897 and unenforced for over twenty years which prohibited baby carriages from perambulating on the sidewalks.

Without previous warning the law was put into effect and on the first day alone over 400 arrests were made in the principal streets of the city of mothers and nurse maids for blocking sidewalks traffic with baby carriages.

However a goodly number of these refused to pay their fine in police court and appealed to a high tribunal of which the judge had the more happy idea of resurrecting a still more ancient law that dated from the time when Basle was a walled town and which authorized baby carriages to roll on the sidewalks of the "interior city"—namely that portion of the city that was within the walled enclosure.

He therefore applied the two laws as they exist today with the result that the baby carriage wheelers in the old, crowded quarters of the city where there is neither room on the sidewalks or the streets for modern traffic, were acquitted, while those in the new parts of the city where the sidewalks are wide, the streets wider and the traffic less condensed, were fined.

The limit of the fines has been one franc and another franc for costs.

Christmas Trees a Good Crop in Ozarks

Cassville, Mo., Dec. 14.—Cutting and marketing of Christmas trees is in full swing in this section of Missouri. Unlimited quantities of cedars grow wild over the hills and along the highways. Trucks from all over Missouri and surrounding states come in and haul them off to market.

It costs about 15c per tree to obtain the cedars at Cassville and they can be sold to the ultimate consumer for from 50c to $3.

Fishermen Would Prevent Pollution

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Sewage pollution which poisons hundreds of tons of fish yearly could and must be prevented, according to Dr. W. D. Hatfield, newly appointed director of the pollution department of The Izaak Walton League of America.

The League is opening a campaign to force the construction of sewage disposal plants throughout the country to minimize the evil.

"While sewage can and will be safely disposed of," Dr. Hatfield says, "a problem for study is presented in the industrial waste that poisons hundreds of fresh water streams and rivers throughout the nation. At least half of this waste should be recovered in the plants themselves, but it is the other fifty per cent with which we have to deal. When the various chemicals are dumped into the rivers, hundreds of tons of fish are killed. In some sections of the country streams are rapidly becoming 'fish-less.' However, tainted waters that breed typhoid germs that take human life are in some cases fit for fish life, while waters that do no great evil to humans are almost certain death for fish."

The Izaak Walton League, through 2,000 of its secretaries is collecting information concerning pollution in all parts of the country. It is planned to send representatives to worst areas to cooperate with industrial and municipal authorities in the eradication of these fish.

The League will, if necessary, carry its fight into the various state legislatures," Dr. Hatfield added.

Says Period of Short Hair Denotes Culture

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Short hair always has been a sign of culture, E. A. Rainey, organizer for the Associated Master Barbers of America, told St. Louis barbers at a mass meeting the other night.

"All short haired periods in the world's history have marked great progress in the sciences, literature and the arts," Rainey declared. "All periods of long hair have been periods of barbarism and darkness."

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Canadians Want "National Policy" In Relation To Its Coal Supply And Objects To Dependence On United States.

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 14.—A motion bitterly criticizing diversion of water from the great lakes by Chicago authorizing the government of Canada to seek damages from the United States will be introduced in parliament at the coming session by T. L. Church, conservative member.

Church has announced he will introduce the following motion: "That, in the opinion of the house, in order to preserve the levels of the great lakes and conserve the money spent on canals and harbor improvements on the great lakes by the government of Canada, immediate and drastic action should be taken by the government throughout the British government, to enforce the boundry waterways treaty of 1919 and to forthwith collect damages from the United States for breaches of the treaty by the Chicago drainage canal.

"That this house regrets the failure to take in the past any effective action and will support the government in the future in any drastic action it takes to preserve the interests of Canada and have the treaty enforced without further delay.

"That the government asks the British to collect for the damage done to Canadian interests of such illegal diversion as reparations due Canada which amounts to several millions per annum.

"That the onus for the inforcement of the said treaty depend upon Great Britain and not on any private individuals.

"That in the opinion of this house the time has arrived for Canada to have a national policy in relation to its coal supply and that no part of Canada should be left dependent on the United States for such supply."

Graham

Mrs. Ray Mowry returned Sunday from a three weeks visit with her sister in St. Joseph.

Misses Dora Scheffsky and Frieda Bennett of Maryville and Hazel Waugh of Braddyville spent the week-end here.

Miss Winona Zimmerman went to St. Joseph Saturday and then accompanied by her mother attended a performance of "The Miracle" at Kansas City.

Mrs. Arthur Early returned home Saturday from a week's visit with her father and sister at Cameron.

Mrs. J. F. Ingersoll of Duluth, Minn. came to assist in caring for her twin brother, C. A. Hatfield, who suffered a stroke of paralysis about ten days ago.

The Sunday Schools are busy preparing for the Christmas entertainment. The program at the Christian Church will be given Wednesday evening and at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Judy and son, Jack returned Saturday from a two weeks visit with relatives in N. Dak.

FITS
AMAZING NEW DISCOVERY
Any sufferer from Epilepsy can now be relieved of all attacks by a new guaranteed remedy that has amazed the medical profession. No harmful or habit forming drugs. Write for free plan. Dept. 986, PHENOLEPTOL CO., Box 71, St. Johns Pl, Sta., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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LOST—30x3½ casing and rim, Diamond cord. Between Pickering and U. A. Anderson farm. Leave at any garage Pickering or Hopkins or this office.

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FOR SALE—Ford Roadster. Used 6 weeks.—Call Hilsabeck Restaurant.

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2—Willys-Knight Sedans. Look like new cars. Fine condition.
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Willys-Overland Fine Motor Cars

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1924 Buick Master Six Roadster, A-1 condition.
1925 Ford Coupe. Good.

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East Side Square

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Chevrolet Coach. 90 days, like new.
'24 Chevrolet Roadster with disc clutch and disc wheels. New tires.
'24 Chevrolet Coupe.
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2—1925 Ford Tourings.
1—1924 Ford Touring.
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1924 Touring with starter, demountable rims. New paint. A real buy.
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AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE 12

USED CARS

2—1925 Ford Coupes with ballon tires.
1—1923 Ford Coupe.
1—1925 Ford Touring, balloons and winter enclosure.
1—1925 Star Touring, balloons, snubbers, bumpers and motometer.
1—1924 Ford Touring, starter and good clincher tires.
1—1923 Ford Touring, starter and original tires.
1—1923 Ford Touring with starter and good tires.
1—1925 Ford Roadster, starter. Only about 2,000 miles on it.
1—1923 Essex Touring. Good shape. 5 good tires.
1—1923 Essex Coupe. Good shape. 5 new tires.
1—1927 Chevrolet coach. New disc wheels and bumpers.
1—1927 Whippet Coach. Will give good trade.

CAMPBELL MOTOR CO.
Kramer Garage L. L. Clary, Mgr.

AUTO ACCESSORIES 13

GIVE SOMETHING FOR THE CAR CHRISTMAS
Motometer
Chains.
Heaters.
Winter Fronts.
Tires and Spark Plugs.
ARNOLD-STRONG
Motor Company

BATTERIES

New low prices on 13 plate 40 amp. hr. rubber case guaranteed batteries.
$11.95

E. C. BAGBY AUTO CO.

BUSINESS SERVICE

THE TRADES 19

Your Tinner
Will Appreciate Your Tin—Auto Radiator and Furnace Work. All Work Guaranteed.
HEIDEMAN & LEET
East Side Square

ICE, COAL, WOOD, ETC. 20

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It is not economy to consider price without quality. When you buy coal from Shoemaker-Bovard you get the benefit of their experience and personal guarantee as to quality and service.
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Just Arrived
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It is useless to
Quote Prices
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Save Money
Wm. Everhart
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Illinois Nut Coal
$6.50 and $7.50 per ton
Glover & Alexander

EMPLOYMENT

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE 28

WANTED—Work of any nature, by woman with family to support.—Hanamo 3568.

FINANCIAL

MONEY TO LOAN 31

FEDERAL FARM LOAN
5 per cent
For 36 years or less at your option
See or write
A. L. PISTOLE
Secretary-Treasurer
Hopkins, Mo.

LIVESTOCK

POULTRY AND SUPPLIES 33

FOR SALE—Full blooded Barred Rock Cockerels.—Mrs. Ralph White, Farmers 17-18.

FOR SALE—Young geese for Christmas.—Mrs. W. R. Morrow, Pickering, Mo.

FOR SALE—Choice Baron strain S. C. White Leghorn cockerels for a few days only, $1.00 each.—J. L. Clayton, Pickering. Phone Farmers 11.

FOR SALE—Wyandotte cockerels. Dorcas strain, $1.50 each.—R. J. Sawyers, Farmers 8-12.

Read the Want Ads.

SHOP-O-GRAPH

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOPPERS

A PRETTY line hand made linen handkerchiefs, luncheon sets, pillow cases and boudoir pillows. Mrs. Godsey's Beauty & Art Shoppe.

AFTER THE show stop in at the Missouri Palms. The eats are "keen."

A beautiful assortment of luncheon sets, reasonable priced, at the Rhodes Music Shop.

A COMPLETE line of Candy in fancy boxes and cedar chests. Candyland.

AFTER the fire — it's too late. B. E. Costello Ins. Agency, Hanamo 197.

A Good sign more than pays for itself. Ellis Meek, Hanamo 197.

AUTOMOBILE Insurance. Fire, theft, collision, property damage, liability. See us for all kinds of insurance. The Sisson Loan & Title Co.

ALCOHOL and glycerin for the radiators. Gaugh & Evans.

BALANCE STAFFS—Special now until Christmas, $2. Satisfaction guaranteed.—R. T. Kabek Shackelford's.

BRUMBAUGH Radio Shop. The only exclusive professional Radio Shop in Northwest Missouri. Room 6 over Raines Store.

CROW STUDIO the photograph studio that adds the "personal Service" to their work.

CURTAIN and top work, repairing and renewing. Always guaranteed.—Bagby Top Co., East Side Square.

DANIELS—Hanamo 478—Taking orders now for home made Christmas candies. Special prices to teachers.

DURALAC for your furniture, floors, linoleum. Howard Wray Hardware Co.

EL RETINA Cigars are sure to please dad. Ask at your dealers.

EARN your Christmas money by selling your junk, rags, papers, magazines, iron, junk radiators and storage batteries. One block east of city scales. Hanamo 518, Farmers 100. Maryville Junk Yards.

FORD HEATERS 75c and up for Fords. Heaters and floormats for all makes of cars. E. C. Bagby Auto Co.

For Radio Service and Batteries. Tubes rejuvinated free at the Rhodes Music Shop.

Have your Watches and Phonographs repaired at the Rhodes Music Shop.

GOLD FISH, Ornaments and bowls. Sewing machines. Repair work. Strader and Clapper.

HOMEMADE Bread is "Quality First Bread." Buy it at all stores.

IF IT IS of Value, Insure It. John Z. Curnutt, Mutz Building.

JACK PARRY Produce House. 108 East 6th. Call Farmers phone 61 for prices.

KRAMER Shoe Rebuilding. Return postage paid anywhere. "We have the machinery."

NEW ALADDIN Mantle lamps. Burns 94 per cent air, 6 per cent oil, priced $3.50 each. Case Furniture Exchange.

NODAWAY Brick Ice Cream is "Pure That's Sure." Ask your dealer for it.

PICTURES that make the Home more "Homey." Price Furniture Co.

PHOTOGRAPHS the only gift that you alone can give. Solve your gift problem now. F. R. Marcell, Photographer.

RED GRANGE footballs $1.75 to $2.75. Also basketballs at various prices. Donahue & Smith Hardware.

REMINGTON and Peters shotgun shells. Complete stock. Donahue & Smith, South Side.

RADIO supplies and sets. See and hear our line of speakers. We can please you. Lloyd Radio Shop.

RADIOLA the set with Superior Tone Quality. Price Furniture Co.

SPECIAL $1.00 bottle Vanties Bath Salt for 79c. Kuehs Bros. Jewelry.

TOASTED SANDWICHES—Hot Chili Hot drinks. Always the best at Lewis'.

T-GRIP CHAINS are cheaper in the long run. Barmann Auto Co.

TOP and side curtain repairing and renewing. Lanning Tire, Top, Paint and Varnish Co., 1st at Main.

WROUGHT IRON Vases, Candlesticks, Whatnots, Ash Trays, etc. Raines Gift Shop.

WILLARD Radio and car battery service. Fisher Battery Station, 719 East 4th.

YES—We can have your photographs for Christmas. Call 466. J. E. Carpenter. Home Studio.

HORSES, CATTLE, SWINE 34

FOR SALE—Yearling Roan Scotch Shorthorn bull, $75.00.—Call R. V. McKee, Orrsburg.

MERCHANDISE

ARTICLES FOR SALE 37

FOR SALE—Boys' work bench, with vise; nice Xmas present for boy in manual training.—Elwood Barrett, 218 North Fillmore.

RESIDENCES AND ROOMS

APARTMENTS AND FLATS 39

FOR RENT—January 1st, new five-room apartment, West Side.—Chas. Hyslop.

FOR RENT—Modern Apartment over Remus Store.—A. S. Robey Sons.

HOUSES FOR RENT 42

FOR RENT—2 modern houses easily heated. Close in. On pavement.—Fred Kurtz.

FOR RENT—A six room modern house. Chas. Hyslop.

FOR RENT—6-room cottage.—See Dr. K. C. Cummins.

FARMS, LAND FOR SALE 46

FOR SALE—3 well located, 40-acre farms. Improved; worth the money. J. O. Bolin, Maryville.

EXCELSIOR ITEMS
District No. 20.

The following people were absent from school Monday: Mildred and Harry Bird, Lester Hyder, Archie Davison, and Gerald Sparks.

The school is now busy selling Christmas Seals. We hope to sell $5.00 worth this year in the district.

The first, second, third and fourth grades have written the following Santa Claus letters:

First Grade.

Hopkins, Mo., Dec. 9, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus; For Christmas I want a train, gum, candy and nuts. Do not forget my sisters. Your little friend,

Ross Dowell Weaver. Age 6.

Hopkins, Mo., Dec. 9, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus: For Christmas I want a gun, train, candy and nuts. Do not forget my school friends. Your pal,

Harold Clymens. Age 7.

Second Grade.

Hopkins, Mo., Dec. 9, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little girl seven years old. For Christmas I want a doll and doll buggy. My little sister wants a doll and rocking chair. Don't forget all the children for I want them all to have a happy Christmas. Your little friend,

Virginia Hyder.

Hopkins, Mo., Dec. 9, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a gun, skates, knife, overcoat and story book. Bring my little brother a sled, ball, and some blocks. Goodbye, from

Lynn Ringgold.

Third Grade.

Hopkins, Mo., Dec. 9, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus: For Christmas I want a big doll, doll bed, coat and a pair of slippers. Your friend,

Burnadean Harmon.

Hopkins, Mo., Dec. 9, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus: For Christmas I want a sled, fountain pen and Ever-Sharp pencil. Your friend,

Berneice Blanchard.

Fourth Grade.

Hopkins, Mo., Dec. 9, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus: For Christmas I want a blackboard, stocking cap and Ever-Sharp pencil. I'm in the fourth grade at school. I like my teacher fine. Your friend,

Hazel McKee.

Howard and Verla Keith were shopping in Maryville Monday.

The seventh and eighth grades have been writing some poetry about Christmas. Following are some of the little poems:

Christmas time is here
With all the joy and cheer
And candy, nuts and toys
Are enjoyed by girls and boys.

Harry Bird.

We are all as good as can be—
And then we know Santa will see
What good girls and boys like
And Santa Claus will come with a hike.

Mildred Bird.

Christmas day is here,
The happiest day of all the year;
With Christmas joys and Christmas shouts—
Glad that Christmas is let out.

Marjorie Hayden.

Christmas time is here,
The happiest Day of all the year;
It fills the boys and girls full of cheer
For the happy New Year.

Verla Keith.

A Christmas Tree,
And lots of toys—
Is good enough
For girls and boys.

Howard Keith.

Our Thanksgiving decorations are being taken down and have began to decorate for Christmas.

Cattle Higher, Hogs Lower, Lambs Steady

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 14.—Trade in fat cattle Monday was active at strong to 25 cents higher prices than last weeks close. This advance, added to last weeks gain of 25 to 50 cents, takes the market here into an attractive position. Chicago had a heavy run of beef steers and quoted prices weak to 25 cents lower, with weight steers selling at the lowest prices of the year. Hogs here were 25 cents lower, but were relatively higher than at more eastern points. The offerings were cleaned up readily. Sheep and lambs were steady at last week's decline.

Monday's Receipts.

Receipts Monday were 17,500 cattle, 12,000 hogs, and 6,000 sheep, compared with 20,000 cattle, 11,000 hogs and 4,000 sheep a week ago, and 19,600 cattle, 7,225 hogs, and 10,275 sheep a year ago.

Beef Cattle

Fat steers ruled strong to 25 cents higher and the general market was in the best position of the past four weeks. Last week's gain was 25 to 50 cents, so that the price level now is 50 to 75 cents above two weeks ago. Prime yearlings steers sold up to $12.75, the highest price this year and prime mixed yearlings made $12 to $12.60. Heavy steers sold up to $10.50. The bulk of the steers, fair quality, warmed up to 90 day feed kinds sold at $7.50 to $9.75. Some cake and hull fed southern steers brought $6.75 to $7.50. While Chicago from now on will be the center of heavy receipts, runs here will be moderate. Cows and heifers were strong to 25 cents higher the first advance in cow stuff in more than two weeks. Demand was urgent. Veal calves were fully steady and bulls 25 cents higher.

Stockers and Feeders.

Stockers and feeders were in moderate supply. Prices ruled strong to 15 cents higher. Feeders sold more freely than for some time past. While receipts of thin cattle will not be large from now on some will be available at all time.

Hogs

Hog prices broke 25 cents Monday, the first setback the market has encountered for some time. Eastern markets were lower also and Kansas City was able to retain its relatively high position. Trade was active and the offerings were cleaned up early. Demand here is sufficient to care for larger supplies. Today 170 to 300 pound hogs sold at $11.40 to $11.60; 130 to 165 pounds $11.25 to $11.50; packing sows $10 to $10.50; stags $9.50 to $10.50, and stock hogs and pigs $11 to $11.75.

Sheep and Lambs.

The sheep market held steady at last weeks decline or about 50 cents lower than two week's ago. Fat lambs are bringing $11.50 to $12.50; shorn lambs $11 to $11.25; yearlings $9 to $10., weathers $7. to $8., and ewes $5. to $6.50.

Horses and Mules.

There is ample demand to care for the horses and mules offered. Prices remained steady.

Charles M. Pipkin.
Market Correspondent.

(Advertisement).

120 MILES ON TWO GALS. GAS. Autos Start Instantly In Zero Weather.

Omaha, Neb.: An astounding new invention now makes it possible for autos to run 120 miles on two gallons of gas. Besides the miraculous gasoline mileage this new discovery, called Quickstart, starts the coldest motor instantly in zero weather. It also removes and prevents carbon, eliminates spark plug troubles, saves oil and repairs and lengthens life of motor. Many users report 46 to 60 miles on one gallon of gas besides unfailing instant starting of motor. The inventor wants agents and guarantees travelling expenses and liberal drawing account to exclusive distributors. Chance to make $50.00 to $400.00 a week guaranteed. Free sample to Agents. Write Quickstart Mfg. Co., Dept. 2967-T, Station C, Omaha, Neb.

DAILY MARKET REPORT

ST. JOSEPH LIVE STOCK.

Hogs.

Receipts 6,000; market 15c to 25c lower.
Top, $11.25; bulk, $11 to $11.25.

Cattle.

Receipts 2,500; market steady to 25c higher.
Bulk of steers, $7.75 to $10.25.
Top, $11.
Calves, $4.50 to $9.50.
Cows and heifers, $3.75 to $10.50.
Stockers and feeders, $6.25 to $8.25.

Sheep.

Receipts 5,500; market steady.
Lambs, $11.75 to $12.60.
Ewes, $5.50 to $6.50.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 11,000; market 15c to 25c lower.
Bulk, $11 to $11.25.
Heavies, $11 to $11.25.
Butchers, $11.10 to $11.35.
Lights, $11 to $11.25.
Pigs, $11 to $11.50.

Cattle.

Receipts 11,000; market steady.
Prime fed steers, $10.25 to $12.75.
Dressed beef steers, $7.25 to $10.25.
Western steers, $7.25 to $10.50.
Southern steers, $6 to $8.75.
Stockers and feeders, $6 to $8.75.
Cows, $3.65 to $7.
Heifers, $5.75 to $11.
Bulls, $4.25 to $5.55.
Calves, $5.50 to $10.50.

Sheep.

Receipts 5,000; market weak to 15c lower.
Spring lambs, $11.25 to $12.35.
Yearlings, $9 to $10.
Ewes, $4.75 to $6.50.
Wethers, $7 to $8.
Stockers and feeders, $11 to $12.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 5,000; market steady to 10c lower.

Cattle.

Receipts 8,000; market steady to weak.

Sheep.

Receipts 10,500, market all classes steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 16,500; market 15c to 25c lower.

Cattle.

Receipts 7,800; market active to steady.

Sheep.

Receipts 2,500; market steady.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Hogs.

Receipts 46,000; market fairly active, 5c to 10c lower.

Cattle.

Receipts 14,000; market fully steady.

Sheep.

Receipts 23,000; market slow, opening about steady.

Chicago Grain Table.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close	Yest.
Dec.	1.37¾	1.38¼	1.37⅜	1.38⅛	1.38½
May	1.38¾	1.38⅞	1.37⅞	1.38½	1.39⅜
July	1.31½	1.31⅞	1.31	1.31⅝	1.32⅛
CORN—					
Dec.	.73⅝	.74	.73⅝	.74	.74
May	.81¾	.82¼	.81⅝	.82⅛	.82¼
July	.84¾	.85	.84½	.84⅞	.85

Chicago Cash Grain.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, $1.39; No. 2 hard, $1.38½ to $1.42.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 77c to 77¼c; No. 3 yellow, 76½c; No. 3 mixed, 75c; No. 2 white, 77¼c; No. 3 white, 76c.

OATS—No. 2 waite, 50c to 51½c.

HAY—Timothy, $5 to $5.25; clover, $25 to $32.50.

BARLEY—66c to 78c.

Kansas City Grain, Hay, Produce.

WHEAT—Receipts 399 cars; market for both hard and red unchanged to ½c lower.

No. 2 hard $1.36 to $1.38½.
No. 3 hard $1.31 to $1.37½.
No. 2 red $1.32½ to $1.33.
No. 3 red $1.30 to $1.32.

CORN—Receipts 8 cars. Market weak to ½c lower.

No. 2 mixed 73 to 74½.
No. 3 mixed 71c to 73c.
No. 2 yellow 77c to 78c.
No. 3 yellow 73½c to 76c.
No. 2 white 73½c to 75½c.

OATS—Receipts 3 cars; market ½c higher.

No. 2 white 47c to 49½c.

RYE—No. 2 86½c.

BARLEY—No. 3 66c to 68c.

HAY—Prairie, choice $15 to $16.50; timothy, No. 1 $16 to $17; alfalfa, choice $22 to $23.50.

Eggs, 42c; selected, 50c.

Butter, 50c; packing, 22c.

Hens 21c. Turkeys and young toms 33c. Broilers 21c. Ducks 20c. Geese 16c.

Closing Grain Review.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—All grains were unsettled throughout trading on the Chicago board of trade today and oats climbed to a new high level.

Wheat closed ⅜ to ⅜ cent off. Reports that the Argentine is selling 10 to 15 cents under, made foreign buyers scarce and the undertone bearish. Cash prices were steady.

Corn regained early losses toward the close and closed unchanged to ⅜ cent lower. Cash prices were steady to 1 cent lower.

Oats were the feature of the day, setting new high levels for May and July deliveries and closed ¼ to ⅜ cent higher. Spot prices were steady.

Provisions closed higher.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Eggs, per doz.	37c
Hens, heavy, per lb.	18c
Hens, light, per lb.	15c
Springs, heavy, per lb.	17c
Springs, Leghorn, per lb.	14c
Ducks, per lb.	15c
Geese, per lb.	13c

LONE TREE ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis returned home Friday night from Greeley, Colo., to spend a few days.

John Ramey spent the week-end in Maryville.

Truman Ramey who attends the Maryville High School spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ramey of Burlington Junction.

The A and B agriculture class are making wood articles this week for agriculture.

We are planning to begin practicing for our Christmas program.

Eldon Sallee who attends the College spent the week end with his father G. A. Salee and family.

Fred Adams and Raymond Hainline were visitors in Maryville Tuesday.

A Detroit woman said her husband was worth $40,000 but bought her only one coat. Well?

Read Today's Offer All You Who Have Indigestion

Ask Koch Pharmacy About Generous Money Back Guarantee.

There's a sure way to put an end to indigestion, gas, shortness of breath and all the ailments that are caused by a bad stomach.

You are simply patching up your stomach when you take things that only give relief for a few hours.

Why not build up your run-down stomach—make it strong and vigorous so that you can eat anything you want any time you want to without the least sign of distress?

Dare's Mentha Pepsin is what every stomach sufferer needs—a pleasant tonic elixir for all stomach ills.

Thousands of bottles of Dare's Mentha Pepsin are sold every day because it is the one outstanding, supremely effective stomach remedy that is guaranteed by Koch Pharmacy and druggists everywhere.—Adv.

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365 Newsy Newspapers for Only $3.00
Less Than a Cent a Day

Remember the date, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1927
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Will Be Received at
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And get the Daily (Sunday Excepted) for One Year, or the Daily and Sunday for $3.00.
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THE ST. JOSEPH GAZETTE
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE: Back to Normal

FUNNY HOW QUICK YER LEGS GET STRONG WHEN YOU CAN USE 'EM AND HOW QUICK THEY GET WEAK WHEN THEY WON'T WORK FOR A LITTLE WHILE-
THERE I WAS LAID UP ONLY 'BOUT TEN WEEKS BUT IT SEEMED LIKE A YEAR- AN' THEN WHEN I GOT SO I COULD WALK AGAIN TH' OLD PINS SURE WERE MIGHTY WOBBLY-
BUT THEY'RE GOOD AS NEW NOW- "DADDY" SAID I'D GET A GOOD REST OUT HERE ON TH' FARM- 'S IF I'D BEEN DOIN' ANYTHING BUT REST FOR TEN WEEKS- BUT THAT WAS DIFFERENT I GUESS- I SURE FEEL GREAT NOW ANYWAY- LOOK AT THAT-
YESSIR, SANDY, THREE WEEKS AGO I WAS ALL TIRED OUT JUST SITTIN' AROUND BUT NOW I DON'T FEEL SLEEPY NO MATTER IF I RUN STEADY ALL DAY- SORTA FUNNY, ISN'T IT, SANDY?
ARF!

ENGINEER FOR STATE QUITS

B. H. PIEPMEIER SUBMITS RESIGNATION TO HIGHWAY BODY

INTO PRIVATE EMPLOY

Chief of Missouri Road Building to Join Gary Concern.—Many Achievements Claimed.

Jefferson City, Dec. 14.—B. H. Piepmeier resigned today as chief engineer of the Missouri State Highway Department.

In his resignation, Piepmeier said that after twenty years of public service, he felt that he was entitled to seek work which would enable him better to provide for his wife and children and that in consequence he had accepted a position with the Public Utilities firm controlled by Theodore Gary, former president of the state highway commission.

Piepmeier's resignation follows in part:

"I submit herewith my resignation as chief engineer of the Missouri State Highway Commission, effective at your pleasure. I have accepted a position offered me by Theodore Gary, former president of this commission and I am resigning on account of my desire to become established in a private business which affords greater opportunity and remuneration than serving the public. I have been engaged in public work for nearly twenty years and now I feel it is time for me to seek a field of activity which will better enable me to provide for my wife and children."

A Native Missourian.

Mr. Piepmeier is a native Missourian, Piepmeier's resignation follows in born in 1885, near Appleton City. He attended a private academy in Appleton City from which he graduated in 1903. He then attended the University of Missouri and was graduated in civil engineering in 1908.

He was employed by the Illinois State Highway Department in 1908, and remained with that department until 1922. During his employment by the Illinois State Highway Department he held the following positions: Bridge designer, bridge inspector, road inspector, office engineer, division engineer, maintenance engineer and construction engineer.

In Illinois many county bond issues and a $60,000,000 state bond issue were promoted, and a large portion of the proceeds therefrom was expended while he was with the State Highway Department.

In 1922 he accepted the position of Chief Engineer of the Missouri State Highway Commission. As Chief Engineer he has supervised the organizing of the State Highway Department, the establishing of division offices in various parts of the State, and the creating of bureaus and divisions within the Department so that all road work could be handled effectively and economically. During the last five years over $100,000,000 has been expended on the state roads in Missouri.

In 1922 the Centennial Road Law was made effective, primary roads were designated, specifications revised, and the personnel selected to supervise the various phases of road and bridge work.

Much Progress Made.

In 1923 the maintenance division was established, all state roads numbered and marked, four Missouri River bridges were built, and state road work speeded up. In 1924, 1925, and 1926, state road construction was at its maximum. In 1925 and 1926 provision was made for the sale of $15,000,000 of bonds annually. Proposition No. 5 was voted upon, which provided for an increase in motor registration fees and a gasoline tax of two cents per gallon, and 3,500 miles of U. S. transcontinental roads in Missouri were selected and marked.

A brief summary of the achievements claimed for the department during Piepmeier's term follows:

The operation of a bi-partisan commission.

The perfecting of a "loyal and economical" organization for the building of roads and bridges.

The administration of road and bridge matters "without fear or favor."

Location of roads in the interest of economy, directness of route, and safety.

Expenditure of $100,000,000 of road and bridge money "without scandal or loss of funds."

The handling of road construction to secure the full amount of federal aid allotted to Missouri without the loss of a dollar, and in a manner commanding the high regard of federal highway officials.

Construction Permanent.

The construction of roads and bridges of a permanent character, in accordance with the highest engineering principles and standards known to the art.

The establishment of the policy of publicity opening, reading, and broadcasting by radio, all bids, which has resulted in keen competition in bidding on road construction and in purchasing materials.

The location of new road building materials and the establishment of commercial plants to furnish road materials at reasonable prices.

The purchase of materials in wholesale quantities.

The letting of contracts in large sections, resulting in great economies.

Distribution of funds to all counties and to all parts of the state, and the building of bad sections of road first.

The establishment of a maintenance organization to conserve investments made, and to improve traveling conditions on all state roads.

The numbering and marking of all state roads.

The designation of 3,500 miles of Missouri state roads as part of a U. S. highway system, with through, uniform marking, for convenience and safety.

Road Maps Supplied.

The supplying of road maps for the convenience of the traveling public.

The securing of surplus war equipment adaptable to road construction and maintenance.

The building of the four free Missouri River bridges connecting north and south Missouri.

The building of many permanent bridges.

The building of a great number of subways and viaducts to eliminate railroad crossings.

The relocation of numerous miles of highway to eliminate railroad crossings, expensive construction, future maintenance, and operating costs.

The establishment of a testing bureau to test all materials which enter highway construction, so that all material is of the highest quality and thereby insure the greatest permanency.

The establishment of a railroad traffic bureau, thereby insuring the lowest transportation costs on all road building materials and recovering thousands of dollars in freight overcharges.

Weekly Reports Made.

The establishment of weekly reports of activities of the various divisions of work of the highway Departments, so that the commission, all heads of the department, and the public may know definitely at any and all times the expenditures that are being made and the work that is being done.

The retirement of $7,000,000 of the $55,000,000 bonds that have been sold and the establishment of a system of retiring road bonds, so that no complicated sinking fund will be necessary.

The establishment of a gasoline tax and motor registration fee, to insure payment of all bonded indebtedness for roads, without property tax, and to provide a fund out of which the entire road program of 7,640 miles may be completed on the pay-as-you-go basis.

The completion of 3,500 miles of state roads, the making of 1,400 miles of all-weather roads by intensive maintenance, and the grading of 1,500 miles more, ready for hard-surfacing.

The establishment of a system of "employing men and women without regard to political or religious affiliations or personal friendship."

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allan returned yesterday noon from a month's visit with their daughters, Mrs. W. J. Innis, and family, of Nevada, Mo., and Mrs. H. K. Farrell, and family, of Dearborn. They also visited Mr. Allan's brother, M. G. Allan, at Dearborn, and en route home spent several days in St. Joseph with Mrs. Allan's niece, Mrs. Levi Judah.

Busy Official

Dick Dillon is one of New England's best basketball officials. Last year he set what was considered a national officiating record by working 220 games. He expects to outdo this mark this season. His home is in Hartford, Conn., where the court sport is one of the most popular pastimes of the winter campaign.

WEAPONS, MEN TO NICARAGUA

LANDING OF MEXICANS IS REPORTED.

FOR USE BY REBELS

Presence of U. S. Warship Prevents Landing of Arms at Another of Country's Ports.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 14.—Large quantities of weapons and 200 men, mostly Mexicans, have been landed near the Nicaraguan coast by the filibustering vessel Superior, according to the conservative government.

Approximately 5,000 rifles and machine guns and several field pieces were put ashore for use by the liberal revolutionists against the conservatives.

United States naval officers stationed on the east coast confirmed the report with respect to the munitions which have been landed and put in possession of the liberals, but no mention was made of a detachment of men coming ashore.

The presence of the U. S. S. Tulsa at Puerto Cabazeas, it was understood, prevented the landing of the arms there.

Elmo's Basketball Schedule Arranged

L. L. Livengood Announces Ten Games Scheduled And That Teams Will Play In Four Tournaments.

The Elmo High School basketball teams have four open dates on its schedule for the 1926-27 season, ten games arranged for and four tournaments in which the teams will participate.

The schedule of the boys and girls teams, as announced today by L. L. Livengood, of the Elmo school, is as follows:

December 18—Boys at Parnell tournament. Girls in preliminary game.
December 24.—Open.
December 31.—Elmo at Burlington Junction.
January 7.—Open.
January 15.—Elmo at Burlington Junction tournament.
January 18.—Blanchard at Elmo.
January 21.—Elmo girls at College Springs, Iowa.
January 25.—Elmo at Blanchard.
January 28.—Elmo at Hopkins tournament.
February 1.—Westboro at Elmo.
February 4.—Elmo at Ravenwood.
February 12.—Tournament at Elmo. (Both boys and girls teams from Parnell, Hopkins and Burlington Junction and Elmo to compete).
February 16 or 16.—Elmo at Westboro.
February 21.—College Springs girls and Pickering boys at Elmo.
February 25.—Open.
March 4.—Open.
March 11.—Elmo at Hopkins.

Wedding Postponed, Suitor Takes Poison

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—"What I ought to do is to bring him home and spank him," said Mrs. Cleo Hurt, 33-year-old divorcee, when she returned home from a visit to the City Hospital to see her fiancee, Jay E. Taylor, 29, who took poison because their wedding had been postponed.

"But I love him," Mrs. Hurt continued. "We will be married as soon as our finances will permit it. We had intended to be married Thanksgiving day, but I persuaded him to wait awhile."

Taylor is still held in the hospital where his condition is said to be serious.

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Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
Annual Election of Officers
Martin Lewis, Jr., W. M.
Fred Smith, Sec'y.

Lita's Dad

Marital troubles of Lita Grey and Charlie Chaplin were foreshadowed by similar troubles between Lita's parents 17 years ago, according to the girl's father, Robert E. McMurray of Wichita, Kas. McMurray, divorced by Lita's mother (now Mrs. Lillian Spicer) when Lita was two, says extravagance caused that divorce and hints that extravagance—on the part of Lita—had something to do with the Chaplin mixup.

Note May Give Clue in Murder of Mayor

Brother of Man Slain in Illinois Gang War Thinks He Knows Writer. —Inquest Postponed.

Benton, Ill., Dec. 14.—Investigation into the murder of Mayor Joe Adams of West City, a small village on the outskirts of Benton, today centered about the crudely written note used to attract the mayor from his home.

An inquest was started late Monday into the shooting, which came when two men called at the home of the mayor, called him to the door and shot him down.

Gus Adams, a brother of the mayor, said he believed he knew who wrote the note. He said the scrawl greatly resembled a certain handwriting he knew. This caused postponement of the inquest until Wednesday while an investigation is made of Adams' charges.

Chicago Will Sing Christmas Carols

City Of Gunmen To Herald "Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."—Begun Last Year.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Mayor William E. Dever will be honorary chairman of the Chicago Christmas Carol Committee which will sponsor city-wide carol singing as a demonstration of peace on earth and good will toward men, according to an announcement.

"Carol singing has become an annual institution for Chicago," declared John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Merchants Trust Company. "Chicago originated the idea on a city-wide scale last year. The purpose of the Christmas carols movement is to launch an era of continuing peace and good will. Such a unanimous outpouring of songs of cheer and fellowship can not fail to have a lasting effect on the minds of everybody. We want the world to know what Chicago stands for."

Aid for Late Comers.

New York, Dec. 14.—A local theatre is handing each person that arrives after the show has started a brief synopsis of the first act so that he can pick up the trend of the show.

Ships Cattle To St. Louis.

Jack Holt of Wilcox shipped four carloads of cattle to the St. Louis market today.

Read the Want Ads.

Story Of Maryville Brings Memories To Old Resident

Mrs. Frances E. Brown of Seattle, Wash., a former resident of Maryville, has written Homer Croy about his story, "My Home Town" in a recent number of the Cosmopolitan. In this letter she mentions several people and incidents of an early day.

Mr. Croy has also received a letter from Mrs. Mary A. Sutherland of Corpus Christi, Tex., claiming the honor of having been at the place where the last bugle call of the Civil War was sounded.

The letter from Mrs. Brown follows:

"Seattle, Wash., Dec. 2, 1926.

"Dear Homer Croy:

"You will not object to my addressing you thus, when I tell you I have your article on "My Home Town," before me, in the Cosmopolitan. I write because I have always loved my home town, Maryville, Mo., and always call it home, though I have been in Washington since 1892, with never an opportunity to go back home. My father and mother were of the very early pioneers there. Father was a G. A. R. veteran and knew "Nat" Sisson as everyone in the home town knew him. He was not so old and frail in 1892. Well, I am glad an 18-year-old girl has been denied the sights which were once so common, when Maryville had so many saloons.

"My parents settled there just after the war, and there I was born, Oct. 14th, just 2 doors south of the southeast corner of the public square, in a little house belonging to John Lieber, who was one of the pioneer dry goods merchants, also sold boots and shoes. Liebers lived on the corner next door. On the corner just west lived Pat O'Reilly and family, other pioneers, and, oh, such a different Maryville those early pioneers saw.

"I thrill yet at the memory of my earliest recollections. My father was then building bridges in partnership with Judge Andrew Royal who later moved to Colorado.

"Oh, yes, things happened in Maryville, and everyone knew their neighbors, always by their first names and how those pioneers loved each other. Union or Confederate, they were all one family after the war. Can you remember old Aunt Winnie, one of Ned Stinson's slaves, and how she always wore Marse Ned's boots, and where she lived and died, and what a character "Aunt" Winnie was. Well she was the first colored woman my mother ever saw, for mother was born in Iowa, Linn County, June 16th, 1841, the first white female child born there, and she and father emigrated to Missouri, a slave state, after father's war experience, which was largely in the State of Missouri and seven months spent in Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis.

"No, you do not see much of Maryville from the railway. No railroads there when I was born, (at least I think not.) Father later moved to St. Joseph and worked on the first draw bridge built across the Missouri River at St. Joseph. I remember how we often rowed across in skiffs and picked paw-paws on the Kansas side. Then the great day came, (after many months of hardships coping with what now seems primitive methods) when we all stood upon the bridge the first time the draw was opened, and a little decorated screaming bell ringing steamer sailed up the big muddy. Child that I was, I remember that, as what must have meant a great triumph for the men who had braved quick sands and winter's cold and summer's heat, to span that treacherous great changing stream. I could help you with many pioneer anecdotes. I should be a writer according to my birth, so astrologers say. But much illness and changes and what not, has put the clamp on my desire. I have some exquisite gems in verse.

"Was there ever anything in nature any more lovely than to stand on some hill in Maryville and view the autumnal ribbon of woods as it finds its way along the old 102. Oh, those big cat fish and water moccasins and all, and the wild fox grapes after frost, and the wild plums and blackberries we once gathered and walnuts, black and hickory and hazel nuts. Oh, I must stop. Washington state is a never ceasing marvel, but Missouri is home. May I hear from you? Then I will ask pardon.

A Maryvillian,
MRS. FRANCES E. BROWN,
1362, 31st Ave., South.

"P. S.: I can remember an Amos Croy in Maryville who lived not far from my parents.

"Where was your home? Maryville people in Los Angeles County, Cal., have an organization which I attended there in 1923, and met a whole picnic of old timers at Redondo Beach. Mr. Frost, one of our early grocers was then the president. Yes, I knew "Bill" Garrett long ago, for his Charley and I traveled the same grades in school. Also the same road to get there; and Prof. W. A. Charles, one of Maryville's very first professors was living in Los Angeles when I was there. But with a sad condition surrounding him. I imagine teaching those youthful ideas to shoot sapped the spirit of our dear old teacher.

"Once more I will stop. Please excuse me. But the temptation to write was suggested by my dear husband and grows, as I see again my Home Town, in memory."

Letter from Mrs. Sutherland.

"Corpus Christi, Tex.,
The New Gulf Port,
315 Mann St.

"Mr. Homer Croy:

"I just read your 'My Home Town' in Hearst's and enjoyed every word of it, but, being very patriotic, must, in a friendly manner, dispute your claim as to the last bugle call and tell you that the whole country is in error as to the date of the close of the Civil War, and to claim honor for my section. In May, 1865, General Lew Wallace held Point Isabel on the Texas coast, while our own (name illegible) held a line of cavalry around that port, and under a gentleman's agreement (by Wallace), each party was to attend to his own knitting and hold his own lines. This agreement held good until May 12, 1865, when the Wallace forces, under cover of darkness, advanced on Rebel lines, scared up the sentries, burned Palmetto ranch, and started a fight that ended near the enemy's base, and Rip won the undying enmity of his men because he refused to lead them into enemy's lines and attack war vessels with Texas Rangers armed with six shooters, but he got their battery and, better still, their wagon train, said train carrying real rations, and oh, boy, a goodly supply of real honest fire water, and they celebrated right there, and, in the midst of the glory, came the news that the war was over.

"A member of Col. Ford's staff told me that the Colonel thought it over a moment, saying 'The was is over, but it was not over when I captured those wagons, and we will keep them,' and even unto this day old timers tell of goods and wagons being in trails from here to Rio Grande as the news of peace spread, and the men, picking such articles as appealed to them, mounted a horse or mule from the wagon train, fled, many of them going into Mexico to await developments, and learned at a safe distance just how mad Uncle Sam was, and as to what he was going to do about it.

"Now I've proved to you that we won the last fight, the last call to arms, and most hard to say, the last victory, and that my home town is nearest real town to scene of last action, (hundred miles or so don't count in Texas), anyway, I am claiming the last battle, last bugle call, and among the last to forgive the war.

"I thanked God during the World War that old Glory was over a united people. I am almost a shut-in, and remember Civil War vividly but not too aged to enjoy a good story like "My Home Town," though afraid Miss Miller would recognize cuss words in two languages with us.

"Sincerely,
"MARY A. SUTHERLAND."

Russian Newsboys Uniformed.

Moscow.—The Moscow newsboys, at present a ragged lot are going to be put into uniforms. They will be organized, dressed up and drilled. It is proposed to give jobs as news venders to as many unemployed persons as possible.

Read the Want Ads.

GENERAL MARKET
Pies, Cakes, Cookies. Also Christmas Gifts including Handkerchiefs, Aprons etc., Saturday, Dec. 18, 9 a. m., at Winston Millinery. Presbyterian Ladies Aid.

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DANCE---Elks Club
Tuesday, December 21.
Breen Hotel Orchestra.
Breen Hotel, St. Cloud, Minnesota
The Breen Hotel Orchestra will be engaged for the rest of the winter in Texas cities, and will make only a few stops. We believe Maryville is fortunate in being one of them.

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